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A Talk With My Friends and Patrons

I TAKE great pleasure in presenting you with a copy of my new 1917 Catalogue which I feel is a great improvement over my last issue; with new cultural notes which, if followed, will assist the amateur to receive better results in the future. I also take this opportunity of thanking my many friends and patrons who have recommended, and favored me with their orders in the past, and to express gratification that my determination to furnish none but the best stock is so widely recognized.

Three years ago I constructed a storage and shipping plant which is a great advantage to myself and customers. Under my present system I am able to ship stock from the time we finish digging, about November 15th, till July 1st the following year.

This building has a cement cellar containing 11,700 cubic feet of storage room and 4,680 square feet of floor space. It is the largest building of the kind in the world. I especially invite all my friends and customers to make a personal inspection of my plant.

I have been acknowledged the largest Dahlia grower in the world. This last season I grew over 4,000,000 Dahlia plants, nearly 35 acres. I feel that this will be of great interest to the general public, who have in past years come long distances to visit my fields in the flowering season, through the months of August and September. My fields are kept open at all times for the inspection of the public. Visitors are always welcome. I am pleased at any time to assist the public with any information possible, provided they will send return stamp.

My growing exhibits at the "World's Fair", St. Louis Purchase Exposition, Jamestown Exposition, Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition, Panama-Pacific Exposition, won honors of highest degree, acknowledging my stock universally unsurpassed.

The past season I made more exhibits than ever before in the different states, winning first prizes in all of them. I dare say I won more prizes than any other firm in America in the past season.

It is unnecessary to say anything regarding the exhibits I have made at the different horticultural and agricultural societies in the past. Every person knows that ever saw my exhibit that it was fully as good, if not the best, that was ever made in the place where I exhibited.

If you are looking for some first-class, up-to-date Dahlias, do not hesitate in placing your order in the hands of a firm who has been doing business for 22 years, and will give you good satisfaction for your money. My stock is strong, separated, field-grown clumps, with one or two eyes on a bulb, and guaranteed true to name. Although my stock is not overgrown, it is considered much the better for amateur growers, as the stock has not been forced to any overgrowth, which is very apt to take out of the stock rather than add anything to its value. While many large firms recommend and sell mostly Dahlia plants, and charge as much for them as strong roots, they are all right for a professional who understands the handling of them and wishes to build up a stock quickly, but I would not recommend them to the amateur. If cut off by any in-



Mina Burgle—Decorative Dahlia (See page 29).

sect the plant is lost, but it is not so with bulbs. The sprout from a bulb if cut off by an insect will come again with two sprouts, so one does not feel as if they had paid out good money for stock and at the end of the season had nothing to show for it. In many cases I find that strong bulbs with good eyes or sprouts, do not always grow; so if any of my customers, after purchasing any of my bulbs, should have any of them fail to grow, after planting them, dig them up and mail them back with the label on them, and I will remail you one in place of them; but do not remail stock you have purchased elsewhere, as this has happened in some cases.

I would recommend that customers order early, as my orders are booked in rotation and shipped accordingly. My stock is tested before being shipped to my customers. I shall take as much pains in the future as in the past to send out nothing but first-class stock and to continue the same prompt, liberal and conscientious dealings. Hoping to receive a share of your patronage this coming season, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

J. K. ALEXANDER
The Dahlia King

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History of the Dahlia

The Dahlia is a native of Mexico, where they grew wild, and in their single state. Earliest history dates back to 1657, when it was called *Acotli* by the Aztec Indians. Later the name was changed to *Georgiana*, after Prof. Georgi of St. Petersburg, which name is still used in some of the foreign catalogues. It was again changed to *Dahlia*, in honor of Dr. Andrew Dahl, a Swedish botanist.

The Dahlia was first cultivated in the Botanic Gardens, at Madrid, Spain, in 1789, and at about the same time was introduced into England by the Marchioness of Bute.

Dahlia Variabilis, from which most of the common or Show Dahlias have originated, was single in its wild state. The first double forms appeared

in 1814 and was credited to M. Donkelaar, of the Botanical Gardens of Belgium. The Pompon form appeared about 1858, followed by the Decorative, the origin of which is not clearly defined, but probably dates back some forty or fifty years. *Dahlia Juarezi*, the first Cactus Dahlia, was discovered in Juxphao, Mexico, in 1872, by J. T. Vanderberg, and named *Juarezi*, in honor of President Juarez of Mexico. It was sent by Vanderberg to an English florist, who exhibited it in England in 1880.

Dahlia tubers or bulbs were used as a food in Mexico, and at one time in France. It was attempted to introduce them into cultivation in all Europe as a food for either man or cattle, but the taste was found nauseous to European palates.

The Culture of the Dahlia

Success Will Follow if You Observe These Instructions.

LOCATION—The Dahlia is not as particular as most of our flowers, and will succeed under a great many adverse conditions. There are, however, certain locations where Dahlias seem to outdo themselves. An open sunny location seems to favor them at all times. Dahlias do well on high and low land, on hill sides or perfectly level land, giving good results in each location.

I find Dahlias are particularly adapted for seashore use, and not only do well, but thrive; for the reason of the moisture, and principally the heavy dews which collect during the nights.

I also find that many varieties do well with partial shade, producing fully as good flowers as they do in the hot sun, especially for exhibition purposes.

Dahlias will grow and do equally well in any kind of soil; I have sand, gravel, and heavy and light loam, lowland and hills; and find very little difference as far as the number of flowers is concerned;

the only difference being that in sand and gravel they form a short, sturdy, compact plant, and in heavy loam and lowland they grow tall and rank, blossoming about a week later than those planted at the same time in sandy soil.

PREPARATION—The soil should be thoroughly cultivated—ploughed or spaded eight to ten inches deep—well pulverized and thoroughly worked over, thus affording an opportunity for rapid expansion, and making an easy path for the tiny rootlets. To secure exceptional results, have your soil ploughed or spaded in the Fall, or as early as practicable in the Spring; then just before planting have soil thoroughly ploughed or spaded again.

FERTILIZER—Fertilization is one of the most important factors, to be successful with Dahlias. We all know that a growing plant, the Dahlia for instance, requires and takes from the soil, certain properties; and in order to keep the soil in correct proportion, the materials the Dahlia takes from the soil must be restored; this must be done by Fertilization. You can use dressing; either horse, cow, sheep or hen, or Chemicals. Or any Commercial Fertilizer rich in Nitrogen, Potash, Ammonia, and Phosphoric Acid. Fish and Potash, Acid Phosphate in the form of Bone flour, or Sulphate of Potash, are also very effective. My system of Fertilization—Every other Fall I give my land a top-dressing of stable manure, ploughing under, and alternate with Lime using this as a top-dressing.

The manure restores the properties necessary; and makes the soil light, and mellow; keeps it from being heavy, and caking; while Lime has the same tendency and keeps the soil sweet. When planting in the Spring I use Commercial fertilizers exclusively; a complete potato fertilizer and ground bonemeal, in equal proportions. Every fourth or fifth year I make a Fall planting of Winter Rye; then turn under in the spring, planting the bulbs with commercial fertilizers.

An application of manure, either in liquid or ordinary form several times throughout the growing season proves very beneficial, furnishing new material for the growing plants, and insuring you the very best results.

TIME OF PLANTING—The time for planting Dahlias varies according to the locality; whether your spot is sheltered or open; early or lateness of the season; and the times when the general crop of flower is desired. Dahlias can be planted any time after danger of frost is over, and under ordinary conditions will blossom in from six to eight weeks after they have been planted. It is always best to wait until the ground becomes thoroughly warmed.

PLANTING—Plant bulbs in hills or drills, laying flat down, six inches deep. Do not stand the bulb on end. If you stand the bulb on end, having the sprout near the top of the ground, all the new bulbs which form, will grow



Queen Wilhelmina (See page 26).



Collection of three
Colossal Dahlias
for 75c, prepaid.

ROSE, at the
right. (See page
37).

REGGIE, at the
left.

YELLOW CO-
LOSSE, below.

For descriptions
see page 34.

near the top of
the ground; and
when you have a
dry spell your
plant becomes
stunted; whereas,
if the bulbs were
planted flat down six
inches deep, no mat-
ter how dry the sea-
son, the bulbs would
receive sufficient mois-
ture to keep them
growing. If plant-
ing with manure, cov-
er manure an inch or
so before planting
bulbs; Fertilizer
should be thoroughly
worked into the soil. Either Fertilizer or Manure
will burn the sprout; be sure to cover with soil.

By planting the bulb first, then covering an inch
or so with soil, and applying your Fertilizer or
Manure, your plant receives the entire benefit of
the dressing. The dressing is above the bulb, and
every rain carries the food down to the roots,
whereas, if your dressing is below the bulb, each
rain takes your dressing further away from your
plant.

Summary: Plant bulb six inches deep, flat down,
having sprout or eye facing upward, cover with
soil an inch or so, apply dressing, and cover in
level.

CULTIVATION—Cultivation is the principal re-
quirement of the Dahlia; the most important of
all operations to insure success. Keep the soil
well cultivated, and free from weeds; never allow
the soil to crust.

CARE OF PLANTS—Give thorough cultivation,
deep at first, and continue once a week until the
plants commence to flower. After they commence
to blossom, do not cultivate, as then is the time
the new roots are forming, and you are apt to
cut off the new tubers, weakening the growth of
the plant. Do not fail to stir the soil after every
rain, keeping the soil from forming a crust on
the surface or baking; and conserving the mois-

ture in the soil;
thus avoiding
the necessity of
watering.

As the shoot
or plant com-
mences to show
itself above the
ground, care
should be tak-
en at this time
for the pre-
vention of cut-
worms, and
other pests that
destroy the young
shoots, and I
recommend Ver-
mine, Aphol, Cut
Worm Food, or
Tobacco Dust, as
best preventive
for these pests.

As soon as the plants attain a
height of eight to ten inches it is
time to commence to "train" your
plants.

There are three systems from
which you must choose: The Stak-
ing System, the Branching Method,
and the Massing System.

The Staking System is the
most popular, many amateurs
finding it the most successful.
Dahlias under this system should
be planted from two to four feet
apart, according to the amount
of space you have to devote; the
larger, the more robust the
plants. Stakes should be set
when the Dahlia is planted. As
soon as plants attain a height of
from two to three feet they should
be secured to the stakes, thus pro-
tecting them, and preventing the
brittle stalks from being blown
over or getting broken.

The Branching Method. This sys-
tem is advocated by many profes-
sionals and does away with stak-
ing. Plant in hills or rows, from
eighteen to thirty inches apart.
When your plant has two sets of
leaves, pinch off or cut out the
whole top of the plant; at each
leaf a branch will start, thus mak-
ing four branches, one at each leaf. Do not pinch
off your plant but once; as this system makes
your plants two weeks later in flowering; but you
receive four flower stalks, each of which will
blossom equal to the one stalk, which you would
have received had you left your plants growing
without pinching. When the plant is grown it
will have a short, strong, single stalk, which
comes only an inch or two above the ground, with
four branches or flowering stalks. The plant is
short, and has a neat branching appearance; the
branches are self-supporting and are not easily
blown over by the winds.

The Massing System. The system I use in
planting my immense fields—avoiding the extra
labor and expense of staking, the woody effect
of stakes in your garden, and giving a solid mass
of foliage and flowers, more beautiful and effec-
tive than where nature's beauty is broken at each
interval with a stake. Plant bulbs in rows, from
ten inches to two feet apart, according to the
amount of space you have to devote. The plants
are self-supporting; each plant supporting and
protecting the other.

At the height of 18 inches spray occasionally
with Arsenate of Lead, Nico-Fume Liquid, Nico-
ticide, Tobakine, Whale Oil Solution, or other
first-class solutions to kill and keep away the aphid
or green fly, which often infest Dahlias.



Alight, Cactus Dahlia (See Description, page 11).

Both Wood Ashes and Lime are good at all times, and in addition to being good fertilizers, are effective as preventatives against insect pests.

To obtain the largest and most perfect flowers, only the best and largest buds should be allowed to mature; the others taken off, enabling the full strength to develop those into exhibition blooms.

DISBUDDING. Some varieties of Dahlias require thinning and disbudding to produce the best flowers. Varieties having an excessive amount of foliage and small growth should have a considerable part of their branches removed, while those having more buds than can be properly developed or matured should be disbudded. The operation in no way endangers the plants, and anyone can do it. Thin and disbud if necessary, moderately or severely as conditions seem to require.

Taking a budded stalk or branch, you will note the large or first bud on the stalk, and also, that at each leaf all the way down the stalk new shoots or bud-stalks form; these in turn produce buds and flowering stalks, which over-top the first bud. The first bud on every stalk is always the largest, and produces the largest and best flower, ordinarily; before the first flower is in full blossom, the first two side shoots have formed buds and burst into flowers; these in turn become passe, to be replaced by flowering shoots from the next set below, or the second pair of side-shoots.

On most varieties the first flower has a short, stiff stem; we disbud to lengthen the stem and to secure larger flowers.

The proper way to disbud: When the first bud is small the first set of side shoots should be removed with a sharp knife. This forces all the plant life that under ordinary conditions would have developed the first two side shoots, into the

first bud, making the first flower much larger, and giving it a good long stem. Removing the first set of shoots also forces ahead the second set, and they in turn burst into flower.

As you cut and remove your flowers, your plant sends forth new flowering stalks from the bottom of the plant; the more flowers you cut, the more will grow.

Disbudding is more generally used for flowers for exhibition purposes; and when wishing the largest flower possible, for exhibition purposes, you can disbud every side shoot down the entire length of your stalk, forcing all plant life into the one flower; thus growing one flower of gigantic size; and this disbudding in addition to forcing with manure, taken up under forcing, insures you much greater success at exhibitions.

Anyone can grow Dahlias of exhibition quality if they will digest these remarks, study plant requirements, and then act accordingly.

After your plant has been blossoming continually and flowers commence to grow smaller, then is the logical and proper time to fertilize. Apply any good fertilizer broadcast, or any kind of manure available, but it is better to make two moderate applications than too much at one time.

FORCING. To produce the finest flowers for exhibition purposes. Plant three to five feet apart, using a liberal amount of manure or fertilizer; cultivate frequently; apply at each or every other hoeing, fertilizer or manure, broad-cast or liquid form; and disbud. "Nitrate of Soda" proves very effective for forcing; apply in liquid or crystal form, when plants are in bud; make applications often, but do not use too much at a time. Nitrate of Soda is very powerful, and if too much is used it will burn up your plants, or force them to such an over-growth that the roots will decay during the winter. Apply Nitrate of Soda in crystal form on top of the ground, or in liquid form, using one tablespoonful of Nitrate of Soda crystals to a gallon of water, using sprayer or watering can.

When the flower buds appear, only one bud should be allowed to come to maturity, enabling each branch to produce one exceptionally fine, perfect flower. The flowers, for quality, must not be allowed to receive the drenching rains or scalding sun, when nearing full bloom, and should be protected from such.

It is always advisable to cut flowers that are to be exhibited as late as possible at night, when the dew is on them; placing them in water, and keeping them as cool as possible over night, thereby enabling them to withstand handling, packing and transportation.

WATERING. Although I wish it understood that I do not believe in watering, and find from experience it is unnecessary, a judicious watering of your plants proves very helpful. Watering plants in beds or various places, especially near trees, on lawns, along walks, etc., proves beneficial; but when you water, do it thoroughly. It is that constant surface sprinkling every day that causes surface roots and soft growth, that I do not advise. A thorough soaking once or twice a week during a drought, with the soil stirred the following day, is an excellent thing where water and time is at hand.

However, for commercial purposes we receive better results by not watering.

HARVESTING. The harvesting and packing for winter is very important, upon which depends your future success. Should you loose your Dahlias during the winter, you will be obliged to buy new ones in the spring; therefore these suggestions are important.

Dahlias should be harvested shortly after their foliage has been killed by frost. I find from experience that as soon as the frost kills the foliage the strength of the stalk recedes back into the bulbs. If they are not harvested shortly, each bulb sends forth a sprout which becomes a shoot, and if left sufficiently long, a stalk. As there is danger of severe frost any time after the first frost, no matter how long left, it can never grow long enough to reach maturity and blossom before being killed. This sprout or shoot is new, brittle growth, not hard and woody like the stalks. When the clumps are harvested, if the sprout is only two or three inches long, it is generally left to remain, if a foot or so long is cut off, the same as the stalk; in either case this new and brittle growth lacking substance, and not having sufficient substance to carry it through the winter, commences to decay, oftentimes causing the whole clump to decay. However the case, the plant life and vitality required to grow this is wasted, because it is taken from the clump. This same life and vitality should be used in the spring, when it would be ten times as valuable. By digging two or three days after your plant has been killed by frost, your clumps are in a perfectly dormant condition; having no sprouts, and keeping perfectly all winter, sending forth sprouts in the spring, which is the proper time.

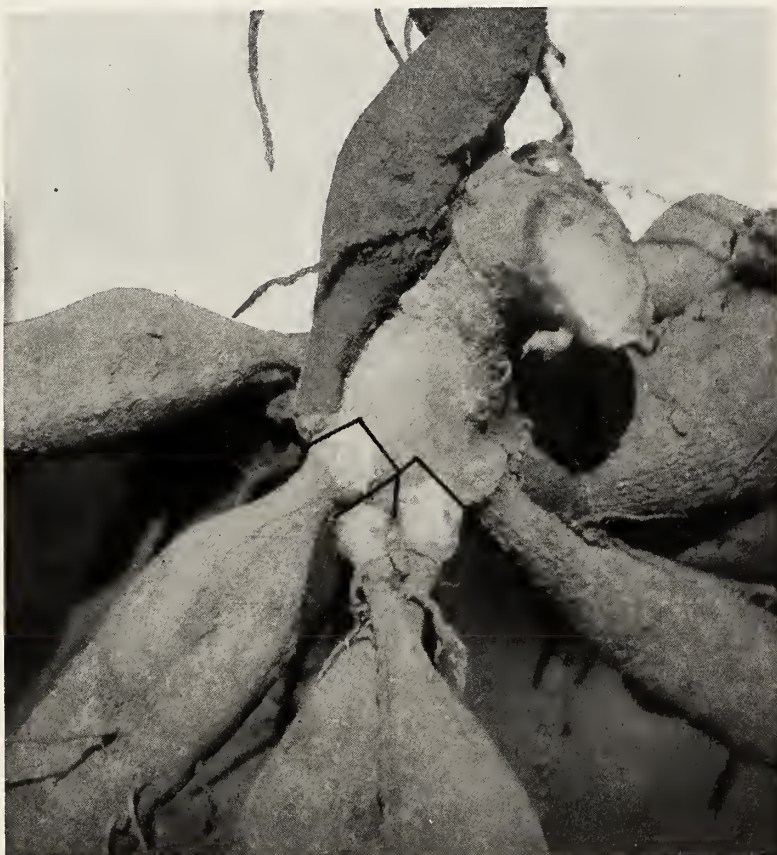
Dahlias may be dug with fork, spade or plow. In digging or harvesting the clump, great care should be taken, dig them, and dig very carefully, do not pull them up. You have a large cluster of bulbs or clump; each bulb has a neck, which is the small portion between the bulb and where it joins the stalk. The clump should be dug or lifted carefully, so not to break the necks of the bulbs; if you crack, girdle, or break a neck, sometimes they will dry up, other times decay; however, when the clump is divided, the bulb with a broken neck is weak and not as good, and requires longer for the bulb to become established before they commence to grow after they are planted in the ground. After removing the clump, shake gently to remove what soil that would naturally fall off. Cut off top within two or three inches above top of clump; allowing them exposed to the sun and air for only an hour or two. Do not allow them to stay out two or three days to dry up, then wonder why they are withered and fail to sprout. Pack in a cool, frost-proof place, where extremes in temperature may be avoided, a place having an average temperature of about 45 degrees. Do not cover, or pack in any material or with any substance; cork, sawdust, shavings, coal ashes, sand or earth, all hold and retain a dampness or moisture, something unnatural; are too close, compact and damp, causing them to start, to mildew, or to decay. Would you pack your potatoes in any of the above? Simply pack clumps one-top-of-the-other, placing each clump upside down. Undoubtedly you are aware that the Dahlia stalk is hollow and that this hollow contains a watery substance or acid. If you pack your clumps with the stalk up, the acid will flow back into the crown of the clump, causing decay; whereas, if you turn your clumps upside down the acid must flow out, and clump will remain in a perfectly dormant condition. Pack clumps upside down, in boxes or barrels, packing one-top-of-the-other. Dahlias in an old-fashioned cellar will keep first-class without any covering; in a cellar having a cement bottom, or heat, the boxes or

barrels should be lined with heavy paper, and covered with paper or burlap. Covering with paper or burlap excludes the air and preserves a more even temperature. In heated places the circulation of air, and heat, causes the bulbs to shrivel and dry up; a covering of this kind prevents the roots from shriveling.

DIVISION OF CLUMPS. Although I divide clumps all winter, it is because of the number of clumps I have to divide; I recommend that the amateur wait until spring before dividing. Dahlias keep during the winter much better in clump form. In the spring the clumps commence to send out sprouts, which aid in dividing properly. Divide, using a sharp knife. Separate, leaving each bulb separately, first dividing the clump in half, then divide to one bulb. Plant only one bulb in a hill; never plant more than two bulbs. In dividing, great care should be taken, and a portion of the crown or stalk should be left on each bulb; it is on the crown that the sprout starts, and if the bulb has no crown, the bulb is worthless.

SIZE OF BULBS. The size of the bulb or tuber does not in any way designate the size or quality of the flower. Some varieties of Dahlias always produce very small bulbs, while other varieties make large ones. Do not consider small bulbs worthless, for they are equally as good, and in many cases better than large ones. Medium and small-sized bulbs more often produce the finest and highest colored flowers, and in many cases the best and most effective plants. The only requisite of a Dahlia bulb is, be sure that your bulb has one or two eyes or sprouts, whether large or small, and with proper cultivation success is generally assured. A clump, root, bulb or division of a clump, pot-root, cutting, sprout, and even a Dahlia seed, will grow, and blossom, all equally well; it is not the size, but the care and cultivation—cultivation is the principal requirement of the Dahlia.

CONCLUSION. There are no set rules to follow invariably by all, or even by any one grower year after year. In fact, each soil, location, climate or



Dahlia Clump, Showing Proper Method of Dividing.

season, may call for different treatment. Study your plants, watch them as they develop, try all experiments along lines in harmony with nature's laws. Success with Dahlias is the same as with anything else; do everything in moderation; excess in any direction is unwise. In many locations, conditions are so favorable that Dahlias grow to perfection with practically no attention. So it is with seasons, some years Dahlias do well the

entire season; but there is no reason why Dahlias should not be grown successfully year after year. My methods of cultivation are simple and easily followed; the treatment and requirements so simple, there is no reason why you should not be successful with your Dahlias. The Dahlia is one of the easiest plants to grow, and will produce more flowers than any other plant in the garden, if properly cared for.



H. F. Robinson—Cactus Dahlia (See page 16).

Terms of Sale

Cash With Orders. Remittances may be made by P. O. or Express Money Order, Bank Draft, or Registered Letter at my risk. (Remittances for less than \$1.00 can be made in stamps.) All orders will be shipped by Parcel Post, Express or Freight, whichever way we deem advisable, prepaid to all parts of the United States and Canada; unless otherwise stated. I guarantee their safe arrival in good condition. No extra charges for packing; one-half dozen at dozen rates.

All varieties priced at 10 cents each may be had at \$1.00 per dozen.

All varieties priced at 15 cents each may be had at \$1.50 per dozen.

All varieties priced at 20 cents each may be had at \$2.00 per dozen.

Also the same with 25 cents, 35 cents, 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1.00 varieties.

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Dahlias in the South

The same cultural directions apply to Dahlias in all parts of the world. But in the South where there is no frost to kill the foliage, the plants continue to put forth blossoms until the flowers become very small and insignificant, and if left sufficiently long, will become what we term "bloomed-out." This can be overcome by giving your roots a rest.

After your Dahlias have blossomed continually for from twelve to fifteen weeks, and the blossoms commence to grow small, dig the clumps according to my harvesting directions. Cut off the stalk and pack the clumps away where they will not dry up. Allow them two or three months' rest, then separate the clumps and replant in the same manner as you did at first. You will receive good large flowers of the same quality and perfection as when you first planted. Continue in this manner indefinitely, and you will always receive first-class results.

How to Keep Cut Blooms of Dahlias

Freshly cut flowers will keep considerably longer, and wilted flowers if not in too serious condition, will be entirely restored in appearance if the following suggestions are followed. Cut blossoms in early part of the day, whenever possible. Fill receptacle with water, as hot as can be borne by one's hand. Plunge the stems, but not the foliage, almost their entire length into the water; let them remain in the water until it cools, then transfer into cold water as in usual manner, with the addition of a quarter-teaspoonful of salt to a quart of water. If the stems are particularly hard and wiry, water near boiling point may be used to



Blanche Single Dahlia (See page 41).

good advantage. My suggestion would be, try it and be convinced, regulating depth of water to length of stems.

Classification of Dahlias

Dahlias are divided into two divisions, double and single; and each division is again subdivided into classes, according to size, form of flowers and arrangement of colors.

Double Dahlias are divided into the following classes: Cactus, Decorative, Peony-flowered, Colossal, Show, Fancy, and Pompon.

Cactus Dahlias—This class is of comparatively recent introduction, and is entirely distinct from any other class. The flowers are loosely and artistically formed, and very irregular, resembling the Chrysanthemum. Petals long, twisted, and terminating in a point. Some varieties possess nearly straight petals, others are gracefully incurved.

Collarette Dahlias—The flowers are single; with an additional row of shorter petals around the disc, which forms a frill or collar, usually of a different color from the outer petals.

Colossal Dahlias—Those producing flowers of gigantic size, great depth, massive in proportions, and globular in shape; petals are cup-shaped, and placed in exact regularity. Plants are strong, sturdy, and robust.

Decorative Dahlias, are large, flat, and full to the center; petals quite irregularly situated, long, broad, flat, and nearly straight.

Peony-flowered Dahlias—A new type of Dahlia; flowers are semi-double having two, three or more rows of broad, flat loosely arranged petals, surrounding a conspicuous rich golden yellow center. Petals are often pointed, and sometimes twisted, and in some varieties the inner row of petals twists and curls over the center, giving the appearance of a Japanese Peony, hence its name. The blossoms are very effective and graceful, and adapt themselves to bouquets better than any other type; some are very large and fluffy.

Fancy Dahlias—In form and habit identical with the Show Dahlia, but different in arrangement of colors. The flowers are tipped or edged lighter than the ground color, or splashed, striped, mottled and variegated, in every conceivable manner. They often throw a solid flower, on the same plant.

Pompon Dahlias—In form identical with the Show and Fancy, the only difference being size of flowers; they are small, round, miniature Dahlias, and flower much more freely than any other class.

Single Dahlias—These have but one row of petals, generally eight, resembling the Cosmos, and are very free flowering.

Show Dahlias—These are large, spherical, regular, compact and full to the center. The flowers are either solid, edged, tipped or shaded darker.

Cactus Dahlias

The greatest and most phenomenal type of all Dahlias; showing the most remarkable development, and being far superior to the other classes. My collection of Cactus Dahlias is the finest and most up-to-date in existence; the result of a careful selection of the introductions of every Dahlia specialist and hybridizer; in reality the very cream of the Cactus Dahlia-world. We import Dahlias from all over the world, testing in our trial grounds several thousand. The following varieties have withstood our ordeals; as to quality, ability to flower, and general perfection.

Sincerely believing the time has come when there should be a distinction between the different types of Cactus Dahlia, I take this opportunity to divide the Cactus Dahlia into three classes. The Incurved Cactus, The Straight-petaled Cactus, and The Hybrid Cactus. The very fact that the term Cactus Dahlia is deceiving, leads me to make

The Incurved Cactus Dahlia

The wonderful advances in the development of the Cactus Dahlia during the past two or three years, has been so great that it has changed the "old-fashioned" straight-petaled Cactus Dahlia far beyond our realization.

Instead of broad, straight-quilled Cactus Dahlia, which was a revelation twenty years ago, we have a Cactus Dahlia resembling the Chrysanthemum.

Cactus Dahlias with very narrow tightly-quilled petals, showing an inclination to become clutched

Phenomenal New Incurved English Cactus Dahlias for 1917

This collection of phenomenal Incurved Cactus Dahlias is the very highest and finest type of

this distinction. It is so general, and the shape so different, that I think it best to make a more definite division. In the exhibition hall, the Cactus Dahlia is the cause of considerable discussion; we claim we should distinguish the modern incurved and tightly quilled Cactus from the broad, flat-petaled Hybrid Cactus, that they are of higher quality, and not in the same class. That in judging, the type should be considered, and where they are all classed as Cactus Dahlias, they are upon the same equal; while in reality they are far from it. With the following divisions, there is sufficient distinction, to warrant classification and exhibiting of each variety in their individual class.

The Incurved Cactus Dahlia; those with quilled and incurved petals or florets; the Straight-petaled Cactus Dahlia, the quilled straight-petaled Cactus, the Hybrid Cactus Dahlia, with broad, straight, slightly quilled and pointed petals.

or incurved; more improved forms, with long, very tightly-quilled, narrow petals, which are so gracefully and effectively incurved, twisted, and interlaced, as to almost meet at the center; and a few varieties which have reached still greater perfection, in addition to having very long, narrow petals, and being tightly quilled, incurved, twisted and interlaced; they are irregularly whorled and re-twisted, giving a most unique appearance—fairly outrivaling the Chrysanthemum.

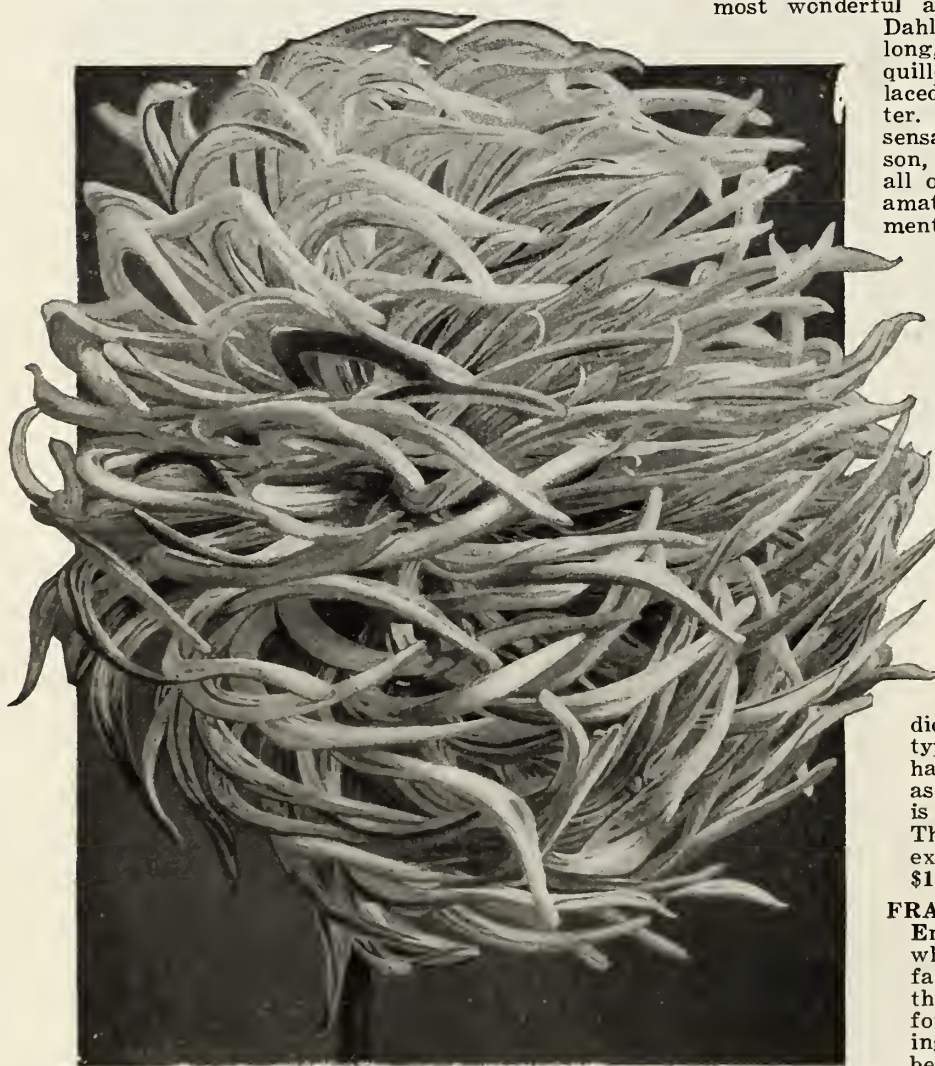
Cactus Dahlia to date. The flowers are not only of largest size, and exquisite color, but possess the most wonderful and latest type of the Cactus

Dahlia, the florets are exceptionally long, very narrow, and so tightly quilled, incurved, twisted and interlaced, as to almost meet at the center. These varieties created a great sensation in England this past season, winning overwhelmingly over all other Dahlias, and holding both amateur and professional in amazement. They captured many gold and silver medals, silver cups, and numerous first-class certificates and awards of merit.

This collection of 14 Phenomenal New Incurved and tightly-quilled English Cactus Dahlias I will ship prepaid to any part of the United States for \$10.00.

DOROTHY HAWES, Phenomenal New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia—The originators of this variety claim it to be one of their greatest successes. The flowers are not only large, but of marvelous depth as well. The great number of long florets that incurve and interlace in an irregular yet beautiful manner, make this a splendid specimen of the very latest type of Cactus Dahlia. The color has been described as cerise, and as ruby-red, but clear rosy-purple is perhaps the best description. The stems are pendant, but for exhibition it is indispensable. \$1.00 each.

FRANCIS WHITE, New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia—Although white Cactus Dahlias are now fairly plentiful, there is room for this addition owing to its distinct form, the florets curling and twisting cork-screw fashion, as well as being very narrow. \$1 each.



Uranus—Incurved Cactus Dahlia (See page 10).

GOLDEN EAGLE. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. Orange yellow, suffused rose, and fawn. Flowers are produced on long stiff stems in great profusion. Moderately incurved. 75 cents each.

Gigantic. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. This monster is undoubtedly one of the finest exhibition Cactus Dahlias produced. The blossoms are of enormous size, more massive than wide, and the form perfect. The flower stem is pendant. In color, pure old gold. \$2.00 each.

Irresistible. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. A beautiful orange yellow suffused with rose. Flowers moderately incurved and of immense size. This variety can be recommended for exhibition purposes. \$1.00 each.

Johannesburg. Beautiful Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. A gigantic moderately incurved Cactus Dahlia of sterling qualities. Blossoms are produced in great profusion upon good stems. The color is a pleasing shade of bright golden amber. \$1.00 each.

Lacemaker. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. As the name suggests, this is one of the finest and most original of the incurved type. The ends of each petal are very daintily divided, similar to "Lady Fair." The color combination is very attractive; deep velvety carmine-crimson, each petal tipped and shaded white. \$1.50 each.

Marguerite Phillips. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. A flower of marvelous beauty, unsurpassed for exhibition purposes. The blossoms are perfectly globular in shape, the pure white florets incurving, twisting, and interlacing, till they resemble an incurved Japanese Chrysanthemum. The habit is unfortunately not good, the plants being robust but the flowers have pendant stems. \$2.00 each.

Mrs. Edward Drurey. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. This new creation will prove a thoroughly reliable variety in any situation. Color a delicate shade of purple-crimson. In form the flowers are evenly, but not strikingly incurved. Blossoms of large size, produced very freely, and good throughout the season. \$2 each.

Miss Stedwick. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. An exceptionally beautiful soft yellow at base quickly changing to a lovely tint of deep pink, which again returns to a lighter shade at the tips of the florets. The form of the flower is excellent, florets being beautifully incurved. \$1.00 each.

Richard Box. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. A clear light soft shade of yellow. This variety blossoms early and maintains a steady average of fine flowers throughout the season. Moderately incurved. \$1.00 each.

Sylvia. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. Beautiful deep pink blending to pale lemon at the center. Petals long and slightly incurved. \$1.50 each.

THE QUAKER. Superb New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. The loveliest color I have seen in Dahlias. The white center imperceptibly becoming tinged with delicate flesh pink, so dainty in coloring as to almost give an impression of artificiality. The plants are of medium height, producing an abundance of flowers upon strong, wiry stems. This variety bears my highest recommendation. \$1.00 each.

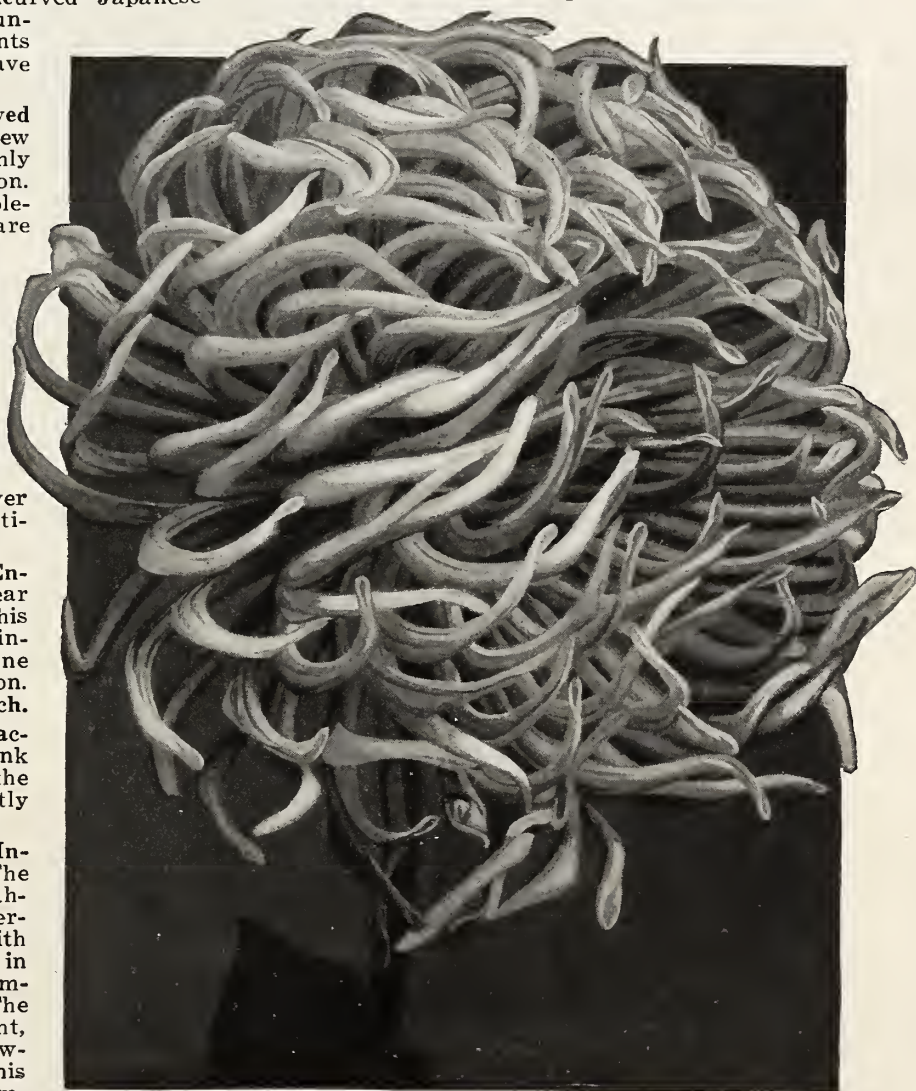
W. E. Peters. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. A gigantic exhibition variety of clear crimson-scarlet. There are a great number of very narrow florets, all of which are so perfectly incurved as to completely meet in the center; as the flower fully develops. \$2.00 each.

Wonderful New Incurved English Cactus Dahlias

This collection of Wonderful Incurved Cactus Dahlias includes Cactus Dahlias of the very highest type, varieties with exceptionally long, very narrow florets, which are so tightly quilled, incurved, twisted and interlaced as to almost meet at the center. These varieties outrival all others previously originated, and stand predominantly in a class by themselves. The admiration they received this past season was remarkable, notwithstanding the large number of gold and silver medals, silver cups and many first-class certificates and awards of merit they received.

I will ship this remarkable collection of Six Wonderful Incurved English Cactus Dahlias for \$5.00, prepaid, or the collection of 14 Phenomenal New English Cactus Dahlias, with this collection for \$13.00, prepaid.

JOHN RIDING. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. The plants of this variety are particularly sturdy, producing enormous blossoms of a rich deep crimson-scarlet color. For exhibition this is one of our finest introductions, its exceptional size, perfect form, great depth, and deep rich crimson color placing it in the front



Rev. Alfred H. Lowe—Incurved Cactus Dahlia.
(For description see next page.)

rank. Flowers commonly measure eight inches in diameter. This variety is an example of the highest type of English Cactus Dahlia, having splendidly incurved and tightly quilled florets, and interlacing form. \$1.00 each.

Mrs. Henry Randle. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. We can rightly term this a model Dahlia. The flowers are of medium size, so great that we anticipate this will be one of the best all-round Cactus Dahlias in existence. The coloring is one of the sweetest possible, being pale cream at center, quickly changing to a lovely rose tint, and distinctly tipped creamy white. The florets are tightly quilled and very gracefully incurved. The plant is exceptionally healthy, having an upright and pleasing style of growth, the flowers being carried perfectly, well above the foliage. \$1.00 each.

Nantwich. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. With this variety the habit is a great feature, as well as the flower, the growth being upright and the flower stem particularly strong. The blossoms are of incurved form, the florets being evenly placed, and unusually good in texture. The color is a beautiful golden orange, somewhat deeper in the center. A genuine Dahlia in every way. \$1.00 each.

Rev. Alfred H. Lowe. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. (See illustration on page 9.) Produces large, well built flowers of the very highest type of Incurved Cactus Dahlia. The florets are long, tightly quilled, and so perfectly incurved as to almost meet in the center. The color is chiefly pure yellow, but the outer florets and the tips of the younger are effectively tinged with rosy shadings. The plants are of a free, healthy style of growth, and the flower stems are long. \$1.00 each.

Scorpion. Wonderful New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. One of the most sensational of the incurved Cactus Dahlias. A flower of absolutely unique formation, the florets being very narrow, and so gracefully and effectively incurved, twisted, and interlaced as to almost meet in the center. At first sight one would think it a Chrysanthemum, the florets or petals being so long and so incurved and twisted, forming an almost globular flower. The blossoms are of medium size, and of a beautiful clear yellow color. This variety is a great favorite with specialists abroad, especially appealing to the lovers of irregularly formed Cactus Dahlias. \$1.00 each.

URANUS. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. (See illustration on page 8.) A very large blossom of exceedingly good form. In offering this variety we wish to state definitely that the habit is absolutely pendent. At the same time it is a most beautiful exhibition flower of finest incurved form, and is destined to become one of the most popular. The quantity of blossoms produced is surprising. "Uranus" is a Fancy Cactus Dahlia, the ground color being creamy white, thickly speckled and striped rosy-pink to vermilion-scarlet. One of the finest Fancy varieties of the incurved type. A beautiful specimen. \$1.00 each.



Nantwich—Incurved Cactus Dahlia. Good example of the Incurved Cactus Type.

New Up-to-date Incurved English Cactus Dahlias

This collection of Up-to-Date Incurved Cactus Dahlias I can recommend to the most particular. All are of the very highest Incurved Cactus type, with exceptionally long, and very narrow florets, which are so tightly incurved, twisted and interlaced as to almost meet at the center. These varieties are far superior to anything previously originated, and deserve a prominent place in your garden.

I will ship this Ideal collection of Five Up-to-Date Incurved English Cactus Dahlias for \$3.00 prepaid, or the collection of 14 Phenomenal New English Cactus Dahlias, and the Six Wonderful New Incurved English Cactus Dahlias, with this collection for \$15.00, prepaid.

NEW VARIETIES FOR 1917

Up-to-Date Incurved English Cactus Dahlias.

Clincher. Up-to-Date Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. As the name denotes, giving a clinching appearance; the florets or petals being gracefully and effectively incurved, and so perfect as to almost meet at the center. A gigantic Cactus, producing its enormous blossoms with great ease, but on pendent stems. The color of this variety is most pleasing, being a beautiful shade of heliotrope. 75 cents each.

Frederick Wenham. Up-to-Date Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. One of the largest Cactus Dahlias to date, the flowers having florets of remarkable length, and being exceptionally narrow throughout their entire length and beautifully



Olympic—Incurved Cactus Dahlia.

incurved; irregularly whorled and twisted, giving the flower a most graceful appearance. The growth is perfectly upright, and the stems as stiff as cane. The color is a warm fawn-pink, with a soft salmon glow at the center. Should be in every garden. 75 cents each.

H. H. THOMAS. New Up-to-Date Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. Few varieties combine so many good qualities. The flowers are of beautiful formation, having long incurving florets, or petals. The habit of the plant is excellent; a free-flowering variety, possessing long, straight stems, and producing its flowers well above the foliage. The color being a beautiful rich deep crimson. 75 cents each.

OLYMPIC. New Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. (See illustration). A grand flower of deep rich crimson color, and truly massive proportions; many flowers measuring eight inches across, and being exceptionally incurved, and of great depth as well. The plants run above average height, and need not be thinned or disbudded too vigorously, the flower being of sufficient size and remaining full to the center, even when the plants are allowed to carry a good display. For exhibition this variety will prove a valuable addition. 75 cents each.

The Imp. Up-to-Date Incurved English Cactus Dahlia. This wonderful introduction is best described as "The Black Dahlia," the color being as near black as we have ever seen in Cactus Dahlias; a beautifully formed flower with long, claw-like petals and exceptionally good incurved form. The flowers are large, wonderfully gorgeous, and so dark that they have gained the name, "The Black Dahlia." This variety is one of the best in every respect, the plants being

splendid, robust growers, and remarkably free-flowering. 75c each.

Incurved Cactus Dahlias

UP-TO-DATE VARIETIES FOR 1917

This superb collection of Incurved English Cactus Dahlias attracted great attention abroad, winning Gold and Silver Medals, Silver Cups and many First-class Certificates and Awards of Merit. Not only are their flowers of largest size and exquisite color, but they are the most wonderful and latest type of Cactus Dahlia.

This phenomenal collection of Five Up-to-Date Incurved English Cactus Dahlias, I will ship prepaid, to any part of North America, for \$1.00.

ALIGHT. (See illustration on page 4.) Gigantic flowers of a beautiful orange-scarlet color. Petals very long, and exceedingly narrow. Blossoms are of moderately incurved form, and produced in great abundance upon good long stiff wiry stems, well above the foliage. This variety can be highly recommended as a desirable form. 25c each.

GLORY OF WILTS. This is a magnificent Incurved Cactus Dahlia; the flowers being large, charmingly beautiful, and perfect for exhibition purposes. Flowers; the effectively incurved florets are narrow, and extraordinarily numerous; the center remains perfect long after the blossoms reach their prime. In color, a rich, deep, golden-yellow, a most beautiful color. This variety is one of the best in every respect, the plants being splendid, robust growers, producing their beautiful rich yellow flowers exceptionally freely. 35 cents each.

LADY FAIR. (See illustration on next page.) Lady Fair is a wonderful new variety of absolutely unique formation; the florets being very long, narrow and daintily fringed at the ends, which makes it entirely different from any other variety in existence, and so gracefully incurved, twisted and interlaced, that at first sight one would think it a chrysanthemum. In addition to the ordinary florets, there is a great profusion of long, narrow, thread-like filaments or secondary florets, possessed by no other variety. The color is an exquisite shade of primrose, daintily overlaid soft pink. A very late flowering variety, but one of the finest novelties in the Dahlia world. 25 cents each.

Mrs. Mortimer. One of the most satisfactory varieties grown; plants being dwarf and bushy, and producing their wealth of blossoms in remarkable profusion. In color, a rich terracotta. Petals are beautifully incurved, and twisted. 20 cents each.

THOMAS CHALLIS. An exceptionally beautiful, but very difficult color to describe; a very rich tone of salmon-red, or it might be called rosy-salmon. The florets are beautifully incurved, and arranged with utmost regularity. This variety can be recommended as one of the best for cut-flower purposes. 35 cents each.

General List of Superb Incurved Cactus Dahlias

This collection includes all the Incurved Cactus Dahlias to date, commencing with the first of this type—those showing an inclination to incurve, and gradually showing the remarkable development, from slightly incurved, through the moderately incurved and claw-like, to the very highest type, with tightly incurved, twisted and interlacing petals. They not only possess the distinctive characteristic of being incurved, but possess beautiful colors and are of large size.

I will ship this collection of 42 Superb Incurved Cactus Dahlias, prepaid, to any part of the United States for \$10.00, or this collection, with the four preceding collections (72 distinct varieties), for \$25.00, prepaid.

Alfred Morgan. Rich, deep purple-crimson. Large and very fine. Moderately incurved. 25 cents each.

Anemone. Flowers tightly incurved; color white, flushed with palest lilac. 35 cents each.

BRIGADIER. Bright crimson, base and outer petals scarlet-crimson; petals long, numerous and beautifully incurved; large, full flowers of extra fine form. 50 cents each.

C. E. Wilkins. A clear salmon-pink, overlaying yellow. Moderately incurved. 25 cents each.

Debutante. A most exquisite Dahlia, having narrow and pointed petals, which are well incurved and somewhat claw-shaped. The coloring is most beautiful, being a very light tint of soft pink at the base, but the upper portion of floret is white. 25 cents each.

Diadem. This is another telling exhibition variety, with very narrow incurved petals to such an extent as to almost meet in the center. Very large and graceful. One of the best. In color a beautiful shade of lilac. 25 cents each.

Dorothy. Lovely silvery-pink color, effectively brightened by the showing of the tiny white tips of the reverse of the petals. Moderately incurved. 35 cents each.

DR. G. G. GRAY. The narrow needle-pointed florets of this variety will curve and intermingle, forming blooms of great beauty. A self color of a fiery crimson-scarlet. 25 cents each.

Edward Druery. (See illustration, page 13.) Many flowers are a delicate shade of yellow, tipped white, others are clear yellow. Moderately incurved. 25 cents each.

ETRURIA. An exceptionally free-flowering early blossoming variety. A pleasing reddish apricot shade. Moderately incurved. 35 cents each.

Floradora. Wine crimson. Flowers produced with remarkable profusion, upon good stems. Moderately incurved. 20 cents each.

FRED COBBOLD. Bright crimson. One of the best. Large, beautifully formed flowers. Very free. Moderately incurved. 25 cents each.

Gazelle. An exquisite deep rose-pink. A very beautiful clear shade. Petals are narrow, well rolled or quilled, and effectively arranged. Plants are dwarf growing and are very much suited for landscape work. 25 cents each.

Golden Wave. A magnificent Cactus Dahlia, the flowers being large, charmingly beautiful, and perfect for exhibition purposes. Flowers, the effectively incurved florets are narrow, and extraordinarily numerous; and the center remains perfect long after the blooms are in their prime. A rich, deep, pure yellow, a most beautiful color. 50 cents each.

Ivanhoe. Long, narrow, raking petals; very early; a deep bright straw color. 25 cents each.

Ivornia. Bright salmon-fawn with light center. 25 cents each.

J. B. Riding. A fine exhibition variety. The petals are very long, narrow, full and beautifully incurved, forming a flower of the highest quality; color is a rich yellow at base of petals, shading to a deep orange, tinged with apricot. 20 cents each.

Kathleen Bryant. A very deep, rich, velvety crimson. One of the finest of its color. Moderately incurved. 25 cents each.

Lady Colin Campbell. Golden-yellow at base of florets, tipped with deep orange. 25 cents each.

Lurania. Orange, terra-cotta, cinnamon; large, bold flowers of good incurved form. Plants quite robust; very free blooming, producing immense flowers. 35 cents each.

Lightship. Plants are tall and robust, and produce their beautiful flowers on exceptionally long stems. The color is a handsome yellow. Moderately incurved. 50 cents each.



Lady Fair—Incurved Cactus Dahlia (See page 11).



Edward Drurey—Incurved Cactus Dahlia (See page 12).

Marathon. One of the largest of the Incurved Cactus Dahlias; color, yellow at center shading off to deep rose and distinctly tipped white; the plants are robust with deep green foliage. Moderately incurved. 25 cents each.

Meteor. A fancy Cactus Dahlia, with white ground, splashed, striped and spotted with violet-purple. Very attractive. Moderately incurved. 35 cents each.

Mercury. The finest Fancy Cactus Dahlia in existence. The flowers are of unusual formation, being beautifully incurved. The petals are narrow and very tightly quilled, and so gracefully incurved that at first sight one would think it a chrysanthemum. Exceedingly attractive flowers of deep yellow at base shading to a delicate lighter yellow at tips; the whole being thickly striped, splashed and speckled with rich crimson. 50 cents each.

MRS. F. GRINSTEAD. A deep, rich crimson with just a suspicion of purplish shading. Petals incurved, flowers of large exhibition size. 25 cents each.

Mrs. McMillan. White in the center, deepening pink at the tips; incurved form. 25 cents each.

Mrs. T. W. Willis. White in the center with edgings of lilac on the younger florets, the greater part of the bloom being rose-lilac. Moderately incurved. 35 cents each.

New York. The flowers are beautifully incurved, the florets being very evenly distributed; standing out like a circular array of spears or, as

one report describes it, as if worked up geometrically; while the center is a picture of perfection. Color, sweetest orange yellow in the center, shading off to an exquisite deep, bronzy salmon. 50 cents each.

NISI PRIUS. A very novel combination, of orange-red and fawn to plum, with a blending of golden yellow at center. Moderately incurved. Flower of large size. 25 cents each.

P. W. Tullock. Deep reddish-salmon, free. Slightly incurved. 20 cents each.

Rev. Arthur Bridge. A bright, clear yellow, heavily tipped and suffused with deep rose-pink. Beautifully incurved. 35 cents each.

REV. ARTHUR HALL. Flowers of largest size, with long, very narrow florets which incurve; color ruby-crimson, relieved at the points of petals by showing the lighter tinge of the reversing color. 25 cents each.

Ruby Grinstead. The center is a soft tone of yellow which is gradually suffused until it becomes a rich shade of rose-fawn, the outer incurving petals being a very light salmon-pink, making it very attractive. 25 cents each.

Satisfaction. A clear and beautiful rose pink, approaching white in the center. 35 cents each.

SWEETBRIAR. A champion Cactus, producing its perfect blooms with ease; the flower stem carrying the blooms perfectly upright, and well above the foliage. Everyone who sees "Sweetbriar" is charmed with its exquisite pink color and splendid habit. The plants are literally covered with flowers, which makes it an ideal garden variety. I highly

recommend this variety as one of the best to date. 50 cents each.

Snowdon. Purest white. 50 cents each.

Stormer. A scarlet of the finest form. One of the most reliable varieties to date. 35 cents each.

T. G. Baker. Clear yellow. 25 cents each.

THOMAS WILSON. A very large, beautiful Dahlia, possessing great merit. The color, a soft, reddish-fawn, suffused with amber, outer petals being salmon-pink. Petals are of remarkable length, very narrow, and beautifully quilled. A Dahlia which I can highly recommend. 35 cents each.

VARIABILIS. A true novel of most graceful character. Beautiful deep orange artistically tipped pure white. The petals are fringed or nitched and very gracefully incurved. 50 cents each.

Victorian. This is a fancy Cactus Dahlia, with blush ground, freely striped and splashed red and purple. 35 cents each.

Wellington. In this we have a bright glowing crimson scarlet, with a shade of purple towards the tips of florets. Flowers of good size on long, stiff stems. Exquisitely incurved. 50 cents each.

SPECIAL OFFER

Six Choice Incurved Cactus Dahlias, six distinct colors; my selection, for \$2.00, prepaid.

The Straight Petaled Cactus Dahlias

Under the distinction of "Straight Petaled Cactus Dahlias" we are offering most of the popular Cactus varieties, those having long, straight, quilled petals or florets, and producing wonderfully graceful flowers. This type is the more popular and best known of the three distinct types of the Cactus Dahlia, and is deservedly so because of the great beauty, style and effectiveness of the flowers, the long, graceful stems, and strong, sturdy, and upright growth of the plants.

New Cactus Dahlias for 1917

These eight new Dahlias are the best specimens to date of the Cactus Dahlia. I will ship these "Eight New Cactus for 1917" for \$8.00, prepaid, to any part of the United States.

E. F. Hawes. A new garden Cactus Dahlia of great value. Flowers are borne upon stiff wiry stems, well above the foliage. The color is an exquisite clear salmon-pink shade, which, combined with its excellent habit, places it in the front rank of the "all-round" Cactus Dahlias. \$1.00 each.

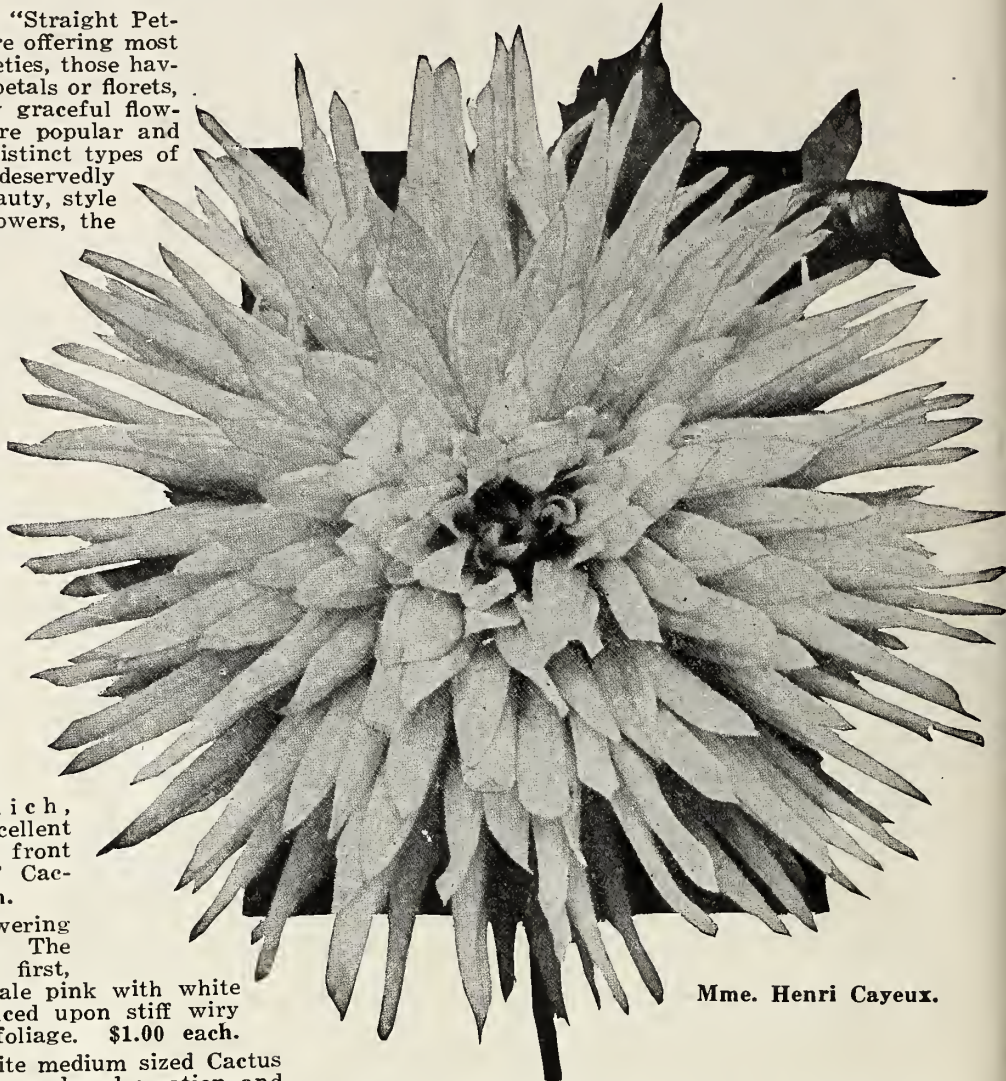
Honesty. A very free-flowering variety of perfect habit. The flowers are white at first, changing with age to pale pink with white center. Each are produced upon stiff wiry stems, well above the foliage. \$1.00 each.

Lorna Doone. This exquisite medium sized Cactus is especially suitable for garden decoration and cutting. The blending of colors is unusual; yellow at base, the greater part of the floret being a beautiful pink shade, yet so decidedly tinged with carmine as to make it very distinct. \$1.50 each.

Milton Howard. A charming shade of bright pink, with white at center and tips of petals. \$1.00 each.

Mrs. Brandt. Magnificent New Cactus Dahlia. The flowers are large, charmingly beautiful, and perfect for exhibition purposes. The florets are exceptionally long, and very evenly distributed, standing out like a circular array of spears, while the center is a picture of perfection. The plant makes splendid specimens, with deep green foliage, and carry their flowers on enormous stems, well above the foliage. The coloring is most exquisite; a beautiful salmon-buff, blending to golden yellow at center. One of the largest and best. \$1.50 each.

Natalie Alsop. Alexander's New Cactus Seedling. Named expressly for and by special permission of Miss Natalie Alsop, in recognition of her great love of beautiful flowers. This new variety is a wonderfully pleasing creation, possessing all the good qualifications of the Dahlia. The flowers are most beautiful—a lively deep rose-pink, daintily blending to snow-white at the center. One of the greatest charms is the manner in which it carries its flowers; they being produced on very graceful, wiry stems. Plants are robust and sturdy, growing to an average height of 4 feet. \$2.00 each.



Mme. Henri Cayeux.

Stability. This New Garden Cactus Dahlia can be recommended as one of the finest. The flowers are produced upon strong wiry stems; well above the foliage. The petals are long and straight, making a perfect flower. In color, Most beautiful rose-pink imaginable. \$1.00 each.

The Swan. One of the finest all-round pure white Cactus Dahlias to-date. Strong sturdy grower. \$1.00 each.

Superb French Cactus Dahlias

This collection of famous French Cactus varieties attracted much attention in our fields the past summer. Not only are the flowers of large size, but they have distinct and unique form. The habit of the plants is also very vigorous, and the profusion of perfect flowers is certainly remarkable.

We offer this wonderful collection of Four Up-to-Date varieties for \$1.00, prepaid to any part of North America, or we will ship the collection of Eight New Cactus Varieties for 1917 with this collection for \$9.00, prepaid.

Henri Cayeux. A variety of immense size and perfect form; color an old gold shading to golden yellow; plants very vigorous. 25 cents each.

Mme. Henri Cayeux. (See illustration above.) A reliable exhibition variety, one of the finest Cactus Dahlias yet introduced. The flow-



Reine Cayeux.

FRENCH CACTUS DAHLIAS—Continued.

ers are of the largest size, with long, narrow florets, forming a bloom of magnificent form. The most pleasing feature of this novelty is the charming color, which is a beautiful rich pink, daintily tipped white. I highly recommend this grand variety as one of the best in existence. 35 cents each.

Reine Cayeux. An exceptionally free-flowering variety of great substance. The plants are literally covered with flowers from July until frost, which makes it a magnificent garden variety. Flowers are of good size, of a beautiful ruby-crimson, and are borne on long, graceful stems. Excellent for exhibition purposes. One of the best. 25 cents each.

Yonne Cayeux. A most beautiful form, a perfect star shape; petals being located with most exact regularity; color an immaculate white; a large flower and an acquisition of first order among the white Cactus. 35 cents each.

Special Collection

Bornemann's Liebling, Clara G. Stedwick and J. H. Jackson for 50c, prepaid.

General List of Straight Petaled Cactus Dahlias

The standard and most reliable varieties. I will ship this wonderful collection of 115 distinct named varieties, prepaid, to any part of the United States for \$20.00.

A. D. Goodrich. A beautiful plum colored Cactus Dahlia. Very free flowering. 25 cents each.

Advance. Brightest fiery scarlet, base tinged yellow. An immense flower. 25 cents each.

ALEXANDER. Very deep crimson, shaded maroon. A variety of extra fine form. Good habits of growth, and very productive. 25 cents each.

Ambassador. Pure white. A flower of the finest quality. Long, stiff stems. 20 cents each.

Amos Perry. Brilliant fiery scarlet. 20 cents each.

Antelope. Deep, rich yellow, suffused with bronzy rose. 15 cents each.

Ansted Gunther. Brilliant scarlet. 25 cents each.

Arab. Rich, velvety maroon. 10 cents each.

Aurora. Orange-yellow, heavily overlaid soft pink, occasionally tipped white. 25 cents each.

BORNEMANN'S LIEBLING. Very delicate, soft rose-pink. Extra fine. 20 cents each.

Brightness. Bright fiery scarlet, with a blending of golden yellow at the center. A variety of extra fine shape, petals being very long, and perfectly star-shaped. 25 cents each.

Charles Clayton. Dazzling red. Good shaped flower. 25 cents each.

CLARA G. STEDWICK. (See illustration, next page.) Clear, bright salmon, shaded yellow at base of petals. Large flowers, with long, slim, twisted petals. Free-flowering. 20 cents each.

Columbia. Vermilion, tipped and striped with white. Long, narrow, star-like petals. The plants make very little foliage, and the flowers are carried well above it. "Columbia" blossoms profusely, and the exquisite combination of red and white makes a most striking appearance. 25 cents each.

Cocotoo. Clear, canary yellow, whilst the tips of the florets are pure white. The under surface is a pale, brown tint. 25 cents each.

Countess of Malmesbury. Delicate peach-color pink, daintily blending to white at the center. Petals straight, very narrow and tightly quilled, completing a perfect star-shaped flower. Plants are of perfect habit, producing blossoms upon long, graceful stems of wiry stiffness. Very tall growing. 25 cents each.

CREPUSCULE. A gigantic flower, pale orange-yellow at center, exquisitely deepening to beautiful deep amber buff, at outer petals. This variety has won many first prizes as an exhibition flower. A beautifully formed, refined flower, which blossoms early, and produces its flowers in remarkable quantities. 25 cents each.

DAINTY. A very appropriate name for this exquisite variety. The plants are of strong, upright habit, producing their flowers upon exceptionally long, stiff stems, well above the foliage. The flower itself is most effective, and graceful, and crowns the long stems in a pleasing and most satisfactory manner. The blending of colors is superb, lemon-yellow at center daintily

- tipped sweetest rose-pink. The shape of the flower is all that can be desired, petals being very long, and beautifully quilled, completing a perfect star-shaped flower. 25 cents each.
- Diavolo.** A very novel color combination. Base of the florets, yellow to white, the upper portion suffused with rose, the whole being splashed, speckled, and striped with chocolate and crimson. The flowers are produced upon long stems, in a pleasing, upright manner. Free-flowering. 35 cents each.
- Dorothy Vernon.** An exquisite blending of three shades of crushed-strawberry. 15 cents each.
- Ebony.** Very dark maroon. Almost black. 10 cents each.
- Ella Kramer.** Rose-pink with much brighter center. Fine form. 20 cents each.
- ELYSIAN.** Flowers large, and perfect. In color a bright lilac-pink. Very similar to "Rosa Starr" in color and shape. 50 cents each.
- Ethel.** Pleasing shade of sulphur yellow. 15 cents each.
- EUREKA.** This variety has all the good qualities of the Dahlia, being properly named. Color, very deep purple. Petals long, straight, and tightly quilled. 25 cents each.
- F. H. CHAPMAN.** A gigantic reddish-orange Cactus Dahlia of exceptionally fine form. The petals are exceedingly long, narrow and tightly quilled, making a monstrous flower. An ideal Dahlia, which produces its gigantic wonders in great abundance. The plants have a pleasing, upright style of growth. 25 cents each.
- Flag of Truce.** Good size, pure white variety; quilled pointed petals. 20 cents each.
- Flame.** A beautiful orange-scarlet. Florets or petals long, and tightly quilled. 25 cents each.
- Fighting Mack.** Crimson, shaded darker. Very pleasing. 10 cents each.
- FORBES ROBERTSON.** Beautiful reddish-orange. A very satisfactory variety, flowers having long, straight, star-shaped petals, and in addition to the long petals common to all Cactus, there is a profusion of smaller narrow, threadlike petals, or secondary florets, which intermingle with the main florets, making it one of the most novel. 25 cents each.
- Freemason.** Pale apricot center, passing to rich orange at tips. 25 cents each.
- Gabriel.** Bright crimson, tipped pure white. Flowers very variable, pure white, red tipped white, and solid red flowers, or any combination of red and white, are apt to grow on same plant. 20 cents each.
- GENERAL BULLER.** A rich, velvety crimson-maroon, tipped white. Occasionally a solid crimson flower on same stalk. One of the most attractive "Fancy Cactus" varieties. 15 cents each.
- General French.** Orange terra-cotta. Free. 20 cents each.
- GENISTA.** A beautiful deep orange, quickly changing to gold. An exquisite blending of colors not common in Dahlias. Free-flowering, fine shaped flowers, borne well above the foliage, upon stiff, wiry stems. Plants strong and sturdy, of an upright pleasing growth. 20 cents each.
- Golden Gem.** One of the finest golden-yellow Cactus Dahlias we have had the pleasure of offering. It is first-class in every way, and attracted much attention this past season. 50 cents each.
- Goldfinch.** Buff yellow, faintly overlaid pink. 15 cents each.
- H. F. ROBINSON** (See illustration page 6). Magnificent clear golden yellow. Petals narrow, straight, and tightly quilled. One of the best yellow Dahlias in existence. 20 cents each.
- Harbor Light.** A vivid orange, overlaid flame color. 15 cents each.
- Helene.** The color is an exceedingly beautiful lavender-pink, gradually changing to white at the center. Free-flowering. 35 cents each.
- Hereward.** White striped and sprinkled with crimson. One of the most desirable "Fancy Cactus" Dahlias to date. 25 cents each.
- Heron.** A large, brilliant orange-scarlet Cactus variety, of great value. Flowers of good form, and produced upon plants averaging 4 feet in height. 50 cents each.
- Hetty Dean.** Lively shade of amber. Exceptionally free-flowering. Good cut-flower variety. 25 cents each.
- Iceburg.** Ivory white, with pale yellow cast at center. Petals long, quilled and narrow. Extra fine form. 20 cents each.
- Innovation.** Scarlet striped white. 20 cents each.
- J. H. JACKSON.** The finest black Cactus Dahlia in existence. An exceptionally satisfactory all-round Dahlia; one of the most prominent for garden decoration, superb as a cut-flower variety, and equally good as an exhibition flower. In color, a perfectly gorgeous, deep, velvety blackish-maroon. Gigantic in size. Every Dahlia-lover should grow this variety. 20 cents each.
- J. Kolodeeft.** A lovely shade of maroon. Florets long. 15 cents each.
- J. W. Wilkinson.** A beautiful deep rose-crimson. 15 cents each.



Clara G. Stedwick—Straight-petaled Cactus Dahlia.

STRAIGHT PETAELED CACTUS DAHLIAS—

Continued.

J. Weir Fife. Dark maroon, occasionally shading to bright purple. A beautifully formed, free blossoming Dahlia. 15 cents each.

JEANNETTE. Unquestionably the very finest buttercup yellow Cactus Dahlia to date. Flowers of large size, and produced upon good stems, well above the foliage. In shape, a model of perfection. 25 cents each.

King Edward VII. Brilliant cherry-red. A beautifully shaped flower, possessing very long, straight, star-shaped petals. 20 cents each.

Libelle. Clear, deep rose-purple. 20 cents each.

Lord of the Manor. Intense fiery scarlet, with a cast of golden yellow at center. 20 cents each.

Lucio. Base of Petals light golden yellow, tips pure white, making a very effective combination of yellow and white. 25 cents each.

Mabel Miller. Orange-red. 20 cents each.

Major Tuppenny. Orange and fawn, center chrome yellow. A very attractive combination. 15 cents each.

Manxman. Rich orange center, shading to soft scarlet with purple tips. 15 cents each.

MARGUERITE BOUCHON. One of the finest pink exhibition Dahlias to date. The color is a brilliant rose-pink with delicate white center. The flowers are large, and borne on stiff stems, quite well above the foliage. 75 cents each.

Marjorie Caselton. The outer florets are of a pleasing shade of rose-pink, whilst the tips and the central florets are cream white. A very fascinating variety. 25 cents each.

Mars. Deep orange-scarlet. Free-flowering. Fine form. 15 cents each.

Martha. An exquisite oldrose shaded with primrose yellow at the center. Flowers are of exceptionally good size, perfect form, and borne on long, wiry stems. 50 cents each.

Mary Service. Pinkish apricot, or heliotrope. A very free-blossoming variety, flowers stand well above the foliage. Many call this a rich salmon-pink shade. 15 cents each.

Miss Dorothy Oliver. Primrose at base, tipped pure white. Very narrow florets. Delicate and attractive. 20 cents each.

Mr. Keith. Velvety crimson. 25 cents each.

Mr. Seagrave. Deep purple. 20 cents each.

Mrs. A. F. Perkins. Lovely silvery yellow, tipped pure white. 20 cents each.

Mrs. Cozens. Maroon, with a white band around each floret, also tipped white. 20 cents each.

MRS. DE LUCA. (See illustration on next page.) Golden yellow, tipped with orange. A most effective blending of colors, seen only in the very rare types. The plants are tall, sturdy, of exceptionally good habit, and produce their flowers in great quantities, upon very long, straight stems. Very early flowering. 20 cents each.

Mrs. E. Mauley. A clear light shade of yellow. 20 cents each.

MRS. GEO. CASELTON. This is one of the finest dark shades ever introduced. The color is a velvety blackish maroon, shaded purple. Petals remarkably narrow, and tightly quilled. 35 cents each.

Mrs. George Stevenson. Color, rich sparkling yellow. Large blossoms, with very long, narrow petals. Striking and handsome. 20 cents each.

Mrs. Hobart. Pale orange and delicate shades of yellow. Large. 20 cents each.

MRS. H. L. BROUSON. A clear delicate salmon, or pale orange-yellow, with long petals. Fine. 20 cents each.

Mrs. J. P. Mace. The most delicate and refined blush pink. Good size, free. 20 cents each.

Mrs. Stranach Gaskill. A delicate and exceedingly beautiful shade of pink. 20 cents each.



**COLLECTION OF EIGHTEEN CACTUS DAHLIAS,
FOR \$3.00, PREPAID.**

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| No. 1 Mary Service | No. 10 Stella |
| No. 2 Dr. G. G. Grav | No. 11 Lord of the Manor |
| No. 3 Clara G. Stedwick | No. 12 Thomas Challis |
| No. 4 H. F. Robinson | No. 13 Iceberg |
| No. 5 Alight | No. 14 Crepuscule |
| No. 6 W. B. Childs | No. 15 General Buller |
| No. 7 Bornemann's Liebling | No. 16 Dainty |
| No. 8 Floradora | No. 17 Genista |
| No. 9 J. H. Jackson | No. 18 Wm. Marshall |

I highly recommend this collection.

Mrs. S. T. Wright. A delicate soft lavender-pink, with a much lighter center. 35 cents each.

Mrs. W. H. Raby. The flowers are of extra fine form. The color is cream-white. 25 cents each.

Mrs. Winchester. A charming, deep coral-pink shade. 35 cents each.

MRS. WINSTANLEY. A wonderfully large, early flowering, pure deep scarlet. One of the most satisfactory. 20 cents each.

Ospray. An attractive "Fancy Cactus" variety, the color being golden yellow, splashed and striped scarlet. 20 cents each.

Pink Perfection. This is a very much deeper shade of pink than possessed by any other variety. 20 cents each.

Princess. Beautiful shade of lilac. 25 cents each.

Princess Mary. A pale, clear terracotta. 10 cents each.

Primrose Dame. Clear yellow. 15 cents each.

PRINCE OF ORANGE. One of the most attractive varieties. A rich shade of old gold at the outer-petals with a bright yellow center; very showy. 20 cents.

Pope Pius X. Snowy-white. 25 cents each.

Queen Alexandra. Orange-salmon, distinct. 15 cents each.

Radiance. Beautiful orange-scarlet. 35 cents each.

Radium. Bright orange, suffused with rose, yellow at base. 20 cents each.

Rainbow. A delicate shade of light pinkish salmon. 20 cents each.

Recam. From deep maroon in the center, the color brightens to a rich, dark crimson. 10 cents each.

RELIABLE. This variety is most appropriately named, it being one of the most reliable we grow. A novel, but very pleasing combination of yellow, brick-red and salmon. Exceptionally free-flowering. 20 cents each.

REV. DR. BAKER. One of the most satisfactory Dahlias we have ever grown, always being covered with large and perfect flowers. The coloring is very odd, being a novel shade of plum. Excellent for exhibition or garden purposes. 50 cents each.

Ringdove. Pinkish-fawn or dove color, veined white, attractive. 15 cents each.

ROSA STARR. A very beautiful lilac-pink. One of the finest novelties. In addition to the long quilled petals common to all Cactus Dahlias, this variety has very fine needle-like inner petals, which are a great addition to this variety, and make it entirely distinct from the other Cactus varieties. 50 cents each.

ROSALIND. A sterling New Garden Cactus of perfect form. In color, a delicate shade of rose-pink daintily suffusing to cream in the center, faintly tipped white. Beautiful large full flowers of regular shape; long, almost straight petals, and remarkable substance. One of the most reliable. 50 cents each.

Rosy Morn. A beautiful peach blossom, somewhat paler in tint toward the base. 25c each.

Sandy. Golden orange suffused with fawn. A flower of great substance and durability. 35 cents each.



Mrs. De Luca (See page 17).

Saxonia. A splendid deep crimson. Very large. 35 cents each.

Schneewitchen. An excellent German Cactus; beautiful white, with delicate lavender tinge. 25 cents each.

Silver Wings. A silvery-orange. 10 cents each.

Sir A. Lamb. Crimson, tinged with purple. 15 cents each.

Sirus. Bright golden-yellow, heavily striped with scarlet. Large, very attractive flower. 20 cents each.

Spitfire. Bright scarlet, reverse of petals deep orange. Very free-flowering. 20 cents each.

STANDARD BEARER. Fiery scarlet. Extra fine form. Very free. 15 cents each.

STERN. Bright primrose-yellow. The flowers are large, petals long and pointed. One of the most satisfactory varieties. 15 cents each.

Sunshine. A deep rose-carmine blending and quickly changing to white in the center. 20 cents each.

T. A. Havemeyer. A distinct yellow shade at the base, deepening to bronze. The greater portion of the flower being deep red, with a decidedly lighter tinge at the points. 25 cents each.

The King. Gigantic flowers, of richest velvety crimson. Ideal for exhibition purposes. 35 cents each.

STRAIGHT PETAIED CACTUS DAHLIAS—
Continued.

TUSTU. One of the most beautiful to date. A very reliable garden variety, producing flowers of highest quality in remarkable profusion. The color is perfectly gorgeous—a beautiful velvety maroon. The petals are very long, tightly quilled and arranged in exact regularity, completing an acquisition which we can highly recommend. 50 cents each.

Uncle Tom. An improvement over "Night." Al-

most black. Very free. 15 cents each.

Volker. A soft clear yellow, of medium size. 15 cents each.

WM. MARSHALL. Very large in size. A beautiful rich orange, with golden yellow center. The habit of the plant is very good, being tall, robust, and producing its immense flowers well above the foliage. 25 cents each.

Winsome. Pure cream white. 20 cents each.

Zoe. Pure white. 20 cents each.

New Holland Cactus Dahlia

The Holland Dahlia Specialists have been devoting their time and energies solely upon the development of the Peony-flowered Dahlias; which have gained great prominence under their supervision. Now they are looking for a broader field, and have commenced on the Cactus Dahlia. I offer "Mrs. Warnaar," the first truly wonderful "Holland Cactus" Dahlia. The Holland Dahlia Specialists set as their ideal the quality, ability to flower, and "Mrs. Warnaar" is a good example of this, it being an excellent garden Cactus.

Mrs. Warnaar. New Holland Cactus Dahlia. A "Garden Cactus" of superior quality; heralded from Holland, and recommended as one of the finest cut-flower varieties in existence. This most fascinating variety appeals to every flower-lover as a true sensation. The coloring is exquisite, being a delightful creamy white, overlaid and blending to a charming shade of pink. The flowers are produced upon long, stiff stems, well

above the foliage; the habit of the plant being most pleasing. A blossom of gigantic size, and great merit. "Mrs. Warnaar" was first exhibited in Holland in 1914, where it received an Award of Merit at Haarlem given by the Dutch Bulb Growers' Society, and an Award of Merit at Amsterdam, given by The Netherland Society of Horticulture. \$1.00 each.

Hybrid Cactus Dahlias

The Hybrid Cactus Dahlia comprises the most gigantic of the quilled Dahlias—the modern "Hercules" of the Cactus type; flowers are gigantic in size, perfect in form, and grand in appearance. The shape of the flower is entirely distinct from the two other types of Cactus Dahlia—the flowers are broad and flat, of great depth, individual petals or florets being long and broad, moderately quilled, and terminating in a point, florets being arranged in exact regularity. The plants are of good habit, and excellent style

of growth, being upright and carrying the flowers well above the foliage, combining the grace and refinement of the Cactus with the excellence, uprightness, and wiry stiffness of the Decorative.

Gigantic New German Hybrid Cactus Dahlias

These six mammoth New German Hybrid Cactus Dahlias created a great sensation this past season, attracting considerable attention wherever exhibited, and proving their true character and qualities in our fields, where they won admiration of all visitors. I cannot recommend them too highly.

This collection of six Gigantic New German Cactus Dahlias, I will ship, pre-paid, to any part of North America for \$4.00.

BRESLAU. New German Hybrid Cactus Dahlia. A Fancy Cactus Dahlia of great merit, one of the finest of our new varieties. A rich shade of royal purple, distinctly tipped white. Very free-flowering. \$1.00 each.

KALIF. Wonderful New German Cactus Dahlia. A truly majestic flower frequently measuring over 9 inches in diameter. The flower is of perfect Hybrid Cactus form, and in color a beautiful pure glowing scarlet. The habit of the plant is all that can be desired, growing, with us, about four and one-half feet in height. The gigantic flowers, which are produced freely, are held erect on strong stems of wiry stiffness, making it a most effective and useful variety for cutting, as well as for garden decoration. "Kalif" is the first variety that has had the distinction of receiving the National German Dahlia Societies' highest award—a silver medal. This variety bears my highest recommendation. \$1.00 each.



Stella—Hybrid Cactus Dahlia (See page 21).

NERTHUS. New German Hybrid Cactus Dahlia. Large flowers, of a most beautiful combination of colors, shades very difficult to describe. The center is a rich brownish orange-yellow, blending to an exquisite carmine-rose. At first appearance it gives the impression of a carmine-rose colored flower, but upon close examination the blending at the center is readily detected. Exceptionally free-flowering. 35 cents each.

NIBULENGENHORT. Gigantic New German Hybrid Cactus Dahlia. Another gigantic flower of great value, both for exhibition and garden purposes. In color, a very beautiful shade of old rose, with a blending of salmon-pink and golden-apricot. The flowers often measure eight inches in diameter. \$1.00 each.

WODAN. New German Cactus Dahlia. Beautiful large broad flowers, frequently measuring seven inches in diameter. The blossoms are of true Hybrid Cactus type, distinct in shape, and splendidly built. The graceful arrangement of its semi-incurved tubular petals, of a pleasing, delicate salmon-rose color, blending to old gold at center, completes this model of perfection. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

WOLFGANG VON GOETHE. New German Hybrid Cactus Dahlia. A very large flower of perfect habit; the color, a rich apricot with carmine suffusion and shadings, is bright, yet subdued and soft, showing particularly well under artificial light. 35 cents each.

New French Hybrid Cactus Dahlias

These two new French creations are among the finest Hybrid Cactus Dahlias in existence. They produce flowers of gigantic size in great abundance.

I will ship these two new French Hybrid Cactus Dahlias prepaid to any part of North America, for \$1.00; or the "Six Gigantic New German Hybrid Cactus Dahlias" with this collection for \$5.00, prepaid.

Chrysanthemiste Albert Delaux. An enormous flower of vivid crimson. Plants of perfect habit, producing flowers in great abundance on stiff wiry stems, especially good for cut-flower purposes. 35 cents each.

Mademoiselle Galy Miquel. A superb new French variety of special merit. The color of this wonder is beautiful clear white, daintily marbled a pleasing rose-violet; this phenomenal combination giving it the appearance of a delicate pink-and-white. 75 cents each.

Recommended Collection

Dr. Mene, Master Carl, Stella and W. B. Childs, prepaid for

\$1.00



Dr. Mene (See below).

Stella (See next page).

W. B. Childs (See next page.)
Hybrid Cactus Dahlias.

General List of Hybrid Cactus Dahlias

I will ship this collection of 42 Hybrid Cactus Dahlias prepaid to any part of North America for \$7.00, or my entire collection, including New German and French Hybrid Cactus for \$10, prepaid.

Alfred Vasey. Reddish amber, edged pink. One of the best. 25 cents each.

Autumn Glory. A beautiful brilliant orange-yellow. Flowers large. 50 cents.

BEDINA. (See illustration next page.) Clear, bright orange, striped and flaked red, very striking. 25 cents each.

Brittania. Soft salmon-pink; large; extra fine. Very free. 20 cents each.

Brumhilda. Rich plum color. Fine form. 15 cents.

Capstain. Soft red, tinted apricot. 10 cents each.

Chas. Woodbridge. Bright crimson. 15 cents each.

Cornucopia. Soft reddish-salmon. 15 cents each.

COUNTESS OF LONSDALE. Deep salmon-red. One of the best. Very free. Should be in every garden. 20 cents each.

Cycle. Deep mauve-red, very odd. 10 cents each.

DOCTEUR MENE. (See above illustration). Very free-flowering, of great vigor; flowers are carried far above the foliage; salmon-amber, shading to sulphur-yellow in the center. 25c each.

Dr. Jameson. Deep crimson. Very free. 15 cents.



Bedinia.

HYBRID CACTUS DAHLIAS—Continued.

Dreadnaught. The color is a glowing crimson, deepening to maroon in the center. 15 cents.

Earl of Pembroke. Bright plum color. Large, bold flower. 15 cents each.

Etna. Lilac, veined violet. Very attractive. Large. 20 cents each.

Favorite. Dark orange, faintly striped and veined crimson. 20 cents each.

FIREFLY. New Hybrid Cactus Dahlia. This is One of the most attractive of the new varieties. The color combination being the most pleasing; a bright orange-scarlet striped white. Each petal is divided or fringed, similar to "Lady Fair," making "Firefly" very distinct from any other variety. Plants are dwarf. 35 cents each.

GOLDEN GATE. New American Hybrid Cactus Dahlia. A gigantic flower of deep orange yellow, overlaid bronze. Very vigorous grower, producing flowers varying from five to eight inches in diameter, upon strong wiry stems well above the foliage. 35 cents each.

Goliath. Yellow, tinged with salmon; broad petals; distinct. 20 cents each.

H. J. Jones. Delicate primrose center, shading off to a sweetest rose-pink. 20 cents each.

Ianthe. A lively shade of buff, edged salmon-rose; very large, fine flower. 20 cents each.

Irene Cannell. Light reddish-salmon. 10 cents each.

Jealousy. Yellow. 15 cents each.

Kriemhilde. The queen of the Cactus Dahlias; flesh delicate pink, shading to white in the center; very late flowering. 15 cents each.

L. Mandarin. This is a very novel variety, with a light cream center, shaded to a yellow, tipped deep pink, and each petal is then striped with crimson, making it very showy. 20 cents each.

Les Alliees. Pinkish white, striped rose and purple. 25 cents each.

Lovely Eynsford. Lovely amber colored; a distinct and striking color; very bright and effective. 20 cents each.

Lyric. Fiery red, shading yellow. One of the finest. 20 cents each.

MASTER CARL. One of the most satisfactory Dahlias grown. In color, an exquisite shade of bright amber. Very large. 25 cents each.

Mrs. Barnes. Mauve red. 15 cents each.

Mrs. Charles Turner. Gigantic flowers of a clear soft yellow. 15 cents each.

Mrs. J. J. Crowe. Large golden yellow. 20 cents.

Mrs. Jowett. Deep salmon. Quite free. 15 cents.

Night. Almost black. 15 cents each.

Octopus. Nearly white, veined lavender. Large. 20 cents each.

Ophir. Soft apricot, tinted lighter in the center. 15 cents each.

Pearl de Lyon. A pure white exhibition variety of great value. The petals are fringed or nitched, giving a unique appearance. 20 cents each.

Pink Pearl. Clear bright pink. 25 cents each.

Ruth Forbes. The massive clear pink flowers, composed of heavy petals, are often accompanied by stems measuring two feet in length, extra stout and excel any other variety for large vase purposes. 25 cents each.

STELLA. (See illustration page 19). Rich, vivid scarlet; deep, bold flower. 25 cents each.

W. B. CHILDS. (See illustration page 20). A very reliable variety, of a beautiful dark purplish maroon color. Flowers extra large. 25 cents each.

W. F. Baldwin. Deep yellow center with salmon tips; extra fine form. 15 cents each.

Collection

Etna, Firefly, Lyric, Ianthe and Kriemhilde, prepaid for

\$1.00



Ruth Forbes—Hybrid Cactus Dahlia.

The Peony-Flowered Dahlia

In presenting my list of New and selected varieties of Peony-flowered Dahlias, I wish to devote a few lines to the history of this comparatively new type of Dahlia; a section, which I think, will interest all flower lovers.

Prompted by the great popularity of the Cactus Dahlia; then so different from the stiff ball-shaped Dahlias, but only beautiful for exhibition, lacking the grace and freedom to flower of the Single Dahlia; European hybridizers saw the possibility of making a type suitable for garden and cut flower purposes.

By crossing the Cactus and other hybrid Dahlias with the Singles, and vice versa, they developed quite a new type; the Peony-flowered Dahlia, now popular all over the world. These long stemmed, semi-double Dahlias were grown in Germany and Holland, and sold as "Half-double Giant Dahlias." Mr. H. Hornsveld, an orchid specialist of Baarn, Holland, immediately saw their possibilities, and collected the largest and most promising specimens. The great development and present value of the Peony-flowered type is due to him. After seven years of cross-hybridizing and developing (July 1904) he was able to show the results at the meeting of the Dutch Horticultural Society at Roosendaal, where he exhibited four varieties, "Queen Wilhelmina", "Duke Henry", "Baron G. de Grancy", and "Glory of Baarn." Here he received a first-class certificate of Merit, and the admiration and encouragement of growers and Dahlia lovers. A still greater success was accorded him that same season at the International Exhibition at Dusseldorf, Germany, where he gained the highest awards. The horticultural world gathered at the Show was charmed by the elegant and artistic form, the strong stems, and the delicate colors of the flowers. Mr. Kerr of Liverpool exclaimed, "Hornsveld's Dahlias are the pride of the Show." After Dusseldorf came Paris. A gold medal and special compliments of the jury were the laurels Mr. Hornsveld gathered there. Amsterdam, London, Brussels, and other places followed, where he had the same good fortune.

With this encouragement he continued experimenting and introducing new things, and as his stock increased sufficiently, he distributed them throughout Holland. Because of their great value for cut-flower purposes and garden decoration, their popularity increased rapidly, and they were exported to other countries.

English and American Dahlia Specialists, seeing their value, immediately commenced experimenting and to-day every Up-to-date Dahlia Specialist offers a collection; not only containing the best and latest Holland productions, but also English, German, and American creations.

New Peony-Flowered Dahlias for 1917

I will ship this collection of Three New Peony-flowered Dahlias to any part of North America for \$2.00, prepaid.

Atlanta. Alexander's Remarkable New Peony-flowered Seedling. An ideal flower of remarkable qualities; flowers beautifully formed, and of excellent type. Unquestionably the most valuable white Peony-flowered variety. \$1.00 each.

MARY LINDER. Alexander's New Peony-flowered Introduction. It is the marvelous color of this variety that makes it a favorite. "Mary Linder" is a seedling from the popular Hybrid Cactus Dahlia "Master Carl" possessing the charming golden orange color of that variety, but being true Peony in type. The flowers are not large, but good medium size, and are produced with freedom on good stems. This variety was originated by one of my customers, Mr. John Linder of Canton, Mass., and through his courtesy I have the pleasure of introducing. 75 cents each.

MRS. BOWEN TUFTS. Alexander's Gigantic New Peony-flowered Seedling. Named expressly for and by permission of Mrs. Bowen Tufts of Boston and Allerton, Mass., in recognition of her admiration for the beautiful. This creation is the finest of my New Peony-flowered Dahlias, having gigantic deep rosy purple blossoms, which are produced well above the foliage upon long graceful stems. The habit of the plant is excellent, flower stems being long, and the bushes tall and exceptionally sturdy. \$1.00 each.



Alice Evelyn—Peony-flowered Dahlia (See page 23).



Bertha von Suttner.

New Peony-Flowered Dahlias for 1916

Never before has a new type of flower been received with so much popular acclaim as has been accorded the Peony-flowered Dahlia. This new type was originated only thirteen years ago in Holland and is today the Dahlia of the future because of its grace and beauty, remarkable freedom to flower and length of stems, all of which combine to make it an ideal garden variety.

I will send this Collection of Seven New Peony-flowered Dahlias, prepaid, to any part of North America, for \$5.00.

Alice Evelyn. New Peony-flowered Dahlia. (See illustration page 22.) This new creation is an ideal garden Dahlia, a free-flowering, long stemmed variety, worthy of a prominent place in your garden. It is a general favorite, prized by all; the plants being literally covered with flowers. The coloring is most exquisite, a beautiful golden-yellow, delicately overlaid salmon-pink. The blossoms are of perfect Peony-flowered type, and of large size. A variety I can recommend to the most particular. \$1.00 each.

Florence Bastow. Alexander's New Peony-flowered Seedling. A sterling variety of perfect form and ideal habit. The color, a beautiful lemon-yellow. 75 cents each.

Grace. Alexander's Beautiful New Peony-flowered Seedling. A variety that is very appropriately named, one of the most graceful to date. The plants are of perfect form, a pleasing upright style of growth, and produce flowers in great abundance. The flowers are of large size. The incomparable delicacy and richness of this most interesting variety has excited great com-

ment. The coloring is most exquisite, sweetest rose-salmon, with a blending of golden yellow at center. This variety bears my highest recommendation. \$1.00 each.

Miss Cabot. Alexander's New Peony-flowered Seedling. Named expressly for and by special permission of Miss Eleanor Cabot of Beverly Farms and Cambridge, Mass., in recognition of her great love for the beautiful. The flowers are of a very dainty shell-pink, of large size, and nearly full to the center, each petal being semi-cupped and pointed. 75 cents each.

Miss Viola Churchill. Alexander's New Peony-flowered Seedling. Expressly named for Miss Churchill in compliment to her intense love for beautiful flowers. The plants are tall, sturdy, vigorous growers, with heavy, dark glossy green foliage, and a remarkable constitution. The flowers are of large size, of a beautiful blending of colors, beautiful primrose-yellow daintily overlaid salmon-pink. \$1.00 each.

Mrs. M. W. Crowell. New Peony-flowered Dahlia. A remarkably sturdy variety of perfect habit; a beautiful orange yellow. 50 cents each.

Prince Camille. One of the finest Peony-flowered Dahlias we have seen. Velvety crimson, shaded rose. 50 cents each.

General List of Select Standard Peony-Flowered Dahlias

A collection of the choicest Standard Peony-flowered Dahlias in existence; the finest collection ever offered in this country; introductions from all over the world, together with some of the choicest seedlings I ever introduced.

I will send this Phenomenal Collection of 53 Fashionable Peony-flowered Dahlias prepaid to any part of the United States for \$20.00.

Admiration. A New English Peony-flowered Dahlia. Pale orange ground, heavily flaked and overlaid rosy crimson, yellow at base of petals. The predominating color being crimson, the whole flower appearing to be crimson at first sight. The flowers are very large and full to the center, each petal being semi-cupped and pointed. Very novel in shape and color. 25 cents each.

America. New Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. A beautiful shade of apricot-orange. 50 cents.

Andrew Carnegie. Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. Clear salmon-pink with bronze shading; center very prominent and rounded; petals are somewhat flat, making it a distinct shaped variety. Plants about 4 feet in height. 25 cents each.

AVALANCHE. Up-to-Date Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. Delightfully charming flower, of splendid habit and great substance. One of the best of the white Peony-flowered varieties. The flowers are of large size, and produced on long, graceful stems, well above the foliage. Award of Merit. 50 cents each.

BERTHA VON SUTTNER. Giant Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. (See illustration above.) A very beautiful shade of salmon-pink, delicately overlaid yellow. In form it is very similar to "H. Hornsveld," having elegant twisted petals. 35 cents each.

CAECILIA. Gigantic New Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. A magnificent flower of great individuality; one that will give perfect satisfaction. A wonderfully large creamy-white flower. 50 cents each.

CAESAR. Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. Large flowers of a rich shade of canary yellow. Strong grower. First-class Certificate. 35 cents each.

CHATENAY. Delightful New Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. The incomparable delicacy and richness of this most interesting variety has excited great comment. In color, it is similar to the well-known Chatenay Rose; a most pleasing color, whose beautiful salmon tints form a perfect contrast with the deep green foliage. The plant is of strong, sturdy, upright growth, and produces its blossoms erect, upon good long, stiff stems. The beautiful golden-yellow center completes the artistically arranged gem, and lends an additional charm to this new acquisition. Chatenay was awarded First-class Certificate at Amsterdam. \$1.00 each.

Chicago. Alexander's Up-to-date Peony-flowered Seedling. A magnificent flower of great individuality; one that will give perfect satisfaction. The coloring of this variety is exceedingly wonderful, a clear purple, with an exquisite ring of yellow at the center. This delightful combination gives it a supreme place in the Peony-flowered class. Plants very dwarf. 75 cents each.

Duchess of Brunswick. New Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. A beautiful shade of red in the center, the outside of the florets being apricot. First-class Certificate at Amsterdam and Haarlem, First-class Certificate, National Dahlia Society, and Award of Merit by Royal Horticultural Society, London. \$1.00 each.

Duke Henry. Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. A splendid flower, with perfectly gorgeous coloring; a wonderfully brilliant, deep crimson. Petals twisted. 25 cents each.

Dr. K. W. van Gorkum. Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. White, heavily shaded rose. 25 cents each.

DR. PERRY. Gigantic New Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. Without exception the very finest dark Peony-flowered Dahlia in existence. A rich velvety wine-crimson, or dark mahogany. Flowers of gigantic size, and identical in form and shape to the "Geisha." A variety which I highly recommend. 50 cents each.

Electra. New Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. The coloring of this variety is exceedingly wonderful, a beautiful bluish mauve shade, with an exquisite golden yellow center, which combines to give this variety a prominent place in the Peony-flowered type. Free-flowering. First-class Certificate. 50 cents each.

ELINOR A. INNES. Alexander's New Peony-flowered Seedling. Named expressly for and by permission of Mrs. Charles H. Innes of Boston and North Scituate, Mass., in recognition of her great love of the Dahlia. Flower of a beautiful purple, with an exquisite yellow center, which lends an additional charm to the entire flower. Very free-flowering. \$1.00 each.

Fraulein Budde. Beautiful New Holland Peony-Flowered Dahlia. A charming soft mauve violet, with an exquisite golden yellow center, which combines to make the flowers most beautiful. Award of Merit. 50 cents each.

GEISHA. Wonderful Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. The pride of the Peony-flowered Dahlias. This most sensational variety is the showiest and most attractive of this type in existence. The color of this acquisition is remarkable, and attracts everybody's attention. It is a superb combination of brilliant scarlet and gold, with an exquisite ring of rich, clear golden yellow at center. Occasionally the first flower comes fully double, but all that follow show that beautiful golden yellow center which combines to make this flower the most charming. Its form is very original, consisting of peculiarly twisted and curled petals, which are very long and beautifully shaped. The effect of these phenomenal flowers is most pleasing, giving this variety the supreme place in the Peony-flowered class. 50 cents each.

Germania. Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. Bright glowing crimson. 20 cents each.

Glory of Groenekan. Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. A large flower of a beautiful orange yellow. 35c each.

Goddess of Fame. Alexander's Peony-flowered Seedling. Flowers are of large size, but seldom have more than two rows of petals. The upper side of the petals is a soft shade of yellow faintly veined orange, while the under-side of the petals is a light cast of orange veined soft scarlet. Flowers are very beautiful, always showing a large, deep golden yellow center. Stems long. 50 cents each.

HAMPTON COURT. Up-to-Date English Peony-flowered Dahlia. The best of the English creations; a Dahlia of immense size and marvelous qualities. The color is an exceedingly effective bright mauve-pink. 25 cents each.

H. Hornsveld. Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. Flowers of immense size and elegant form. In color, a beautiful soft salmon shade. 35 cents each.

H. J. LOVINK. Beautiful Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. Flowers large and produced upon exceptionally long, wiry stems. The coloring is very delicate, white daintily blending to lilac. 50 cents each.



John Green (See page 25).

PEONY-FLOWERED DAHLIAS—Continued.

Hortulanus Budde. Gorgeous New Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. A bright deep red, of splendid habit. One of the most reliable. Award of Merit. 35 cents each.

Hugo de Vries. Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. A dwarf variety, orange brown flowers, strong stems. 25 cents each.

John Green. Attractive New English Peony-flowered Dahlia. (See illustration on page 24.) Very few of the novelties introduced by us have met with such a great reception and been so genuinely admired as the new Peony-flowered Dahlia, "John Green." At the great Dahlia Trials carried out by Reginald Cory, Esq., at Cardiff, it was singled out as one of the finest varieties, and receive XXX by the judges, and Mr. Cory was so pleased with it that he intends to plant a complete bed of it. The coloring is exceptionally attractive and intensely brilliant; the center being a clear golden yellow which quickly changes to fiery scarlet. A great feature of this variety is its lasting qualities, the flowers remaining in full beauty for over a week, unhurt by rain or sun. The shape of the flower is perfectly original; the petals being beautifully pointed, giving it a star-like appearance. Awarded First-class Certificate by the National Dahlia Society at Crystal Palace, London, and received XXX by the joint committee of the Royal Horticultural Society and the N. D. S. at the Dahlia Trials at Duffryn, Cardiff. \$1.00 each.

King Edward. First-class Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. A large purple flower of good substance. 35 cents each.

KING LEOPOLD. Exquisite Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. The coloring of this variety is a very dainty lemon-yellow, shading lighter at edges. The well-formed flowers are produced on long, wiry stems, well above the foliage. Very free flowering. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Loveliness. Dainty New Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. This charming new variety is very appropriately named. The coloring is a most exquisite pale lilac, daintily blending and shading to white. This variety will give perfect satisfaction. Award of Merit. 75 cents each.

MARIE STUDHOLME. New German Peony-flowered Dahlia (See illustration). Delicate, bright mauve-pink shaded with a glistening ivory sheen; this beautiful combination of color gives the appearance of a lavender-pink. The flowers are of very original form, petals being very gracefully curved and twisted. 35 cents each.

Merville. A beautiful salmon-red shade. 35 cents each.

Mrs. A. Boyer. New Peony-flowered Seedling. This new seedling was originated by one of my customers, Mrs. A. Boyer of Everett, Washington, and through her kindness I have the pleasure of offering it. In color, a combination of salmon and fawn. It is a seedling of "Bertha von Suttner." 50 cents each.

MRS. A. PLATT. Sterling New English Peony-flowered Dahlia. A flower of massive proportions, but charming in general appearance. The blossoms are large and perfectly formed; color, magnificent bluish-pink. First-class variety; valuable for exhibition purposes. 50 cents each.

Mrs. Fleers. Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. A perfect combination of colors. Salmon and rose—a wonderful variety, ideal for exhibition purposes. This charming flower is also described as rosy-red. 25 cents each.

Mrs. J. C. Vaughan. New Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. Lovely bright clear yellow. A beautiful flower of most original form, with incurving irregular petals that are wonderfully quilled and twisted. \$1.00 each.

MRS. JACQUES FUTRELLE. Up-to-date Peony-flowered Seedling. Flowers of medium size, but very attractive. An exquisite lemon-yellow heavily splashed scarlet. Very free flowering. 25 cents each.

Oregon Beauty. New Peony-flowered Dahlia. Originated by an Oregon Seed firm. A seedling from "Wm. Agnew," resembling the parent in size, shape and color. Flowers large and full to the center. In color a glowing fiery scarlet. 50 cents each.

Paul Kruger. Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. A deep violet-red, with fine and effective white stripes. 20 cents each.

Painted Lady. Up-to-date Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. One of the most fascinating varieties in existence. In color, a beautiful pale rose. Award of Merit. 50 cents each.

Priscilla. One of my seedlings from the well-known Dahlia "Souvenir de Gustave Douzon." Color, a light orange-scarlet. 25 cents each.



Marie Studholme—Peony-flowered Dahlia.

Queen Alexandra. First-class Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. A beautiful sulphur-yellow. 35 cents each.

QUEEN WILHELMINA. Giant Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia (See illustration page 2.) Largest and finest of the pure white sorts; excellent for decorative work, and unsurpassed as a cut-flower. Blossoms produced upon long, graceful stems, well above the foliage. The plant is a very vigorous grower, with heavy, dark, glossy green foliage, and a remarkable constitution. An immense, fluffy flower, of pure glistening white, showing its beautiful golden-yellow center very prominently, which lends an additional charm to this most beautiful flower. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per doz.

Rochester. Alexander's Superb New Peony-flowered Seedling. In color, a gorgeous crimson-maroon, effectively striped and splashed pure white. A beautiful flower of most original form, every petal twisted, making a gay contrast with the beautiful golden-yellow center, characteristic of the Peony-flowered type. 75 cents each.

San Francisco. Alexander's Up-to-date Peony-flowered Seedling. A flower of splendid habit and great substance. Pure white, well-formed flowers. 50 cents each.

Sherlock Holmes. Beautiful New Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. An ideal flower, possessing remarkable qualities; flowers beautifully formed and of excellent type. A beautiful shade of mauve. 50 cents each.

SNOW QUEEN or SNEEWITJIE. Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. A very novel white variety. Blossoms very unique, petals being curiously quilled and twisted, and very narrow. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

Solfatara. Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. Carmine-red, yellow band in center. 25 cents each.

St. Louis. Alexander's Ideal New Peony-flowered Seedling. A sterling variety of perfect form and ideal habit. The color, beautiful waxy white, daintily overlaid lavender. 75 cents each.

Sunrise. Superb English Peony-flowered Dahlia. An exquisite clear, lively pink. The contrast between the effective bright pink flowers and the heavy green foliage is perfectly marvelous. The beautiful golden-yellow center adds an exquisite charm to the entire plant. 25 cents each.

Virginia Marshall. New Peony-flowered Seedling. A very beautiful and delicate new variety. In shape and form the flowers are perfectly original, the petals are very long and "Geisha"-like, being beautifully quilled and twisted. The blossoms are an exceptionally dainty primrose-yellow, faintly overlaid a delicate rose-lilac shade. 75 cents each.



TWELVE MARVELOUS PEONY-FLOWERED DAHLIAS PREPAID FOR \$3.00.

The Flower of the Fashionable World.

No. 1 Queen Wilhelmina	No. 7 Baron G. de Grancy
" 2 P. W. Jansen	" 8 Germania
" 3 Goddess of Fame	" 9 Priscilla
" 4 Glory of Baarn	" 10 Bertha Von Suttner
" 5 Queen Emma	" 11 Sneewitjie
" 6 Geisha	" 12 La Rainte

Washington. Alexander's New Peony-flowered Seedling. Beautiful rose-violet. 75 cents each.
Wm. Reed Butler. New Peony-flowered Seedling. One of the finest pure white varieties. 35 cents each.

ZEPPELIN. New Holland Peony-flowered Dahlia. The incomparable delicacy and richness of this most interesting variety has excited great comment. The coloring is the most beautiful, a lovely shade of mauve; a very fascinating color. The perfection in form of this variety is one of its greatest features. Award of Merit. 50 cents each.

Springfield, Mass., July 14, 1915.

Dear Sir: My family attended the Brockton Fair in 1913. In a letter received from my daughter of Ironton, Ohio, this morning, she writes: "You should have a dahlia bed at Duxbury; they are wonderful. I have never seen such fine ones as we have. Came from Alexander of East Bridgewater. Everyone comes to look at ours. He was the man who had such fine ones at the Brockton Fair." I am simply drawing your attention to this, as it is many times pleasing to a person to know that exhibition and advertising sometimes pays.

Very truly yours,

L. S. BROWN.

The Fragrant Peony-Flowered Dahlia

These **Five Wonders** are all of true Peony-flowered type, possessing grace, simplicity and beauty to make their form liked; the flowers appear exceedingly early and blossom continually in a miraculous profusion. Their flowers are borne on exceedingly long stems well above the foliage, making them ideal for cutting. For garden and decorative purposes nothing can excel them.

Their colors are rich, refined and delicate, and as a decorative scheme for the garden or house they are excellent. The beauty of these flowers can only be appreciated when seen, and may be easily classed with orchids for their fantastic shapes and colors. The artistic flowers are best compared to the semi-double Peonies in general form. The flowers are semi-double, and show that beautiful golden yellow center, the wonderful quality which makes the Single Dahlia so graceful and popular. The Peony-flowered Dahlia has the broad, flat and quite irregular form of petals of the Decorative combined with the grace and beauty of the Single.

These **Five Wonders** have a very pleasing and agreeable odor that can be easily detected. The fragrance being especially prominent when the gems are in full bloom. This wonderful quality, combined with their beautiful color, charming golden yellow center, and graceful appearance, completes an ideal Garden Dahlia.

**The Five Wonders of the Dahlia
World Postpaid for Only \$1.00**



"Queen Emma"

The Five Wonders of the Dahlia World

Alexander's Up-to-Date New Fragrant Peony-Flowered Dahlias

We offer these **Five Wonders** shipped prepaid to any part of North America for \$1.00.

Accept the offer and be convinced.

Baron G. de Grancy. Fragrant Peony-flowered Dahlia. A perfect wonder. Its remarkable qualities being excellent type, perfect form and purity of color. The flowers are borne in a miraculous profusion upon long, graceful stems. The color is a waxy, almost glistening, pure white. The first **Fragrant White Peony-flowered Dahlia** in existence, and a beauty in every sense of the word. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Glory of Baarn. Fragrant Peony-flowered Dahlia. This most fascinating variety appeals to every flower-lover as a true sensation. The coloring is exquisite, being a delightful clear soft pink; a most pleasing flower whose light rosy tint forms a perfect contrast with the deep green foliage. Its gems are of wonderful size and produced exceptionally freely on long, wiry stems. The beautiful golden yellow center completes the artistically arranged gem and lends an additional charm to this acquisition. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

La Rainte, Up-to-Date Fragrant Peony-flowered Novelty. This superb New Peony-flowered Dahlia possesses a most charming individuality in beauty and grace which is almost indescribable

and incomparable. The color, a charming deep lavender-pink with an exquisite golden yellow center, combines to make the flowers most beautiful. The flowers are true Peony type, but in form perfectly original; its long, graceful petals being beautifully curved and twisted, giving the whole a phenomenal, or almost unique appearance. The fragrance of this variety is remarkably prominent and encourages us to imagine a long list of **Fragrant Dahlias** in the near future. An ideal variety that bears our highest recommendation. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

P. W. Jansen. Fragrant Peony-flowered Dahlia. A most satisfactory variety. The novel color is rosy-salmon daintily overlaid a beautiful shade of yellow; an elegant flower borne on stout, erect stems. A great addition to any collection. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Queen Emma. Fragrant Peony-flowered Dahlia. A delightful sort that appears almost artificial. It is a charming shade of Hollyhock pink, the inner petals banded with gold. The flowers are sensational, possessing grace, simplicity and beauty, which makes this variety exceedingly fashionable. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Peony-Flowered Dahlias with Cactus Petals

These are quite distinct in appearance, and in my estimation very beautiful and graceful. For decorative purposes nothing can excel them. Petals are long, narrow and pointed at the tips, distinct from the "true" Peony-flowered Dahlia with its broad, flat or twisted petals with rounding tips. The beauty of these flowers can only be appreciated when seen, and may easily be classed with orchids for their fantastic shapes and colors. I will ship this Novel Collection of Four Cactus-Peony-flowered Dahlias, prepaid, to any part of the United States for \$1.

Phenomene. Beautiful French Cactus-Peony-flowered Dahlia. A very effective and novel variety, having beautiful Cactus-shaped florets. The color is an exquisite salmon shade, suffused light amber. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Philadelphia. Beautiful Cactus-Peony-flowered Dahlia. An ideal dahlia for all purposes; blossoms produced very early, and throughout the entire season in a miraculous profusion. The coloring is most attractive; delicate purple-violet, blending to lavender, and suffused with white. The shape of the flower is perfectly original, petals being very long, narrow, and slightly quilled; semi-double, having two and three rows of these beautiful petals, arranged around the charming golden-yellow center. 35 cents each.

Poinsettia. A new Dahlia, which is very difficult to class, the habit and formation of the blossom being entirely distinct from any other variety. The color and shape of the flower-petals resemble very much that of the Poinsettia, for which it is named. Usually there are two rows of bright scarlet petals, which are brought into brilliant contrast by the rich golden-yellow center. 25 cents each.



Philadelphia.

Satucket. Alexander's New Cactus-Peony-flowered Seedling. Cactus-shaped petals of enormous length, curving inward at the tips. Almost identical in form and size with "Philadelphia." In color, the flowers are scarlet, veined golden-yellow. Flowers are borne in great profusion. 50 cents each.

Decorative Dahlias

The Decorative Dahlia is the pride of all Dahlias, standing out pre-eminently. In the garden the plants are strong, sturdy, vigorous growers, with heavy, dark green foliage, and a remarkable constitution. The blossoms are produced in great profusion, which is exceptional for a type of "Giant-Flowering Dahlias." For cut-flower purposes they are unsurpassed, having long, straight stems of wiry stiffness, and producing their flowers in a pleasing upright manner; then principally their lasting qualities when cut—they are unequalled, lasting longer than any of the other types. As an exhibition flower, the Decorative Dahlia is the most gigantic of all Dahlias, blossoms having beauty, substance, quality—all essential characteristics of a true "Model of Perfection." As a decorative flower they are first in every respect; being graceful, adapted to designs, and most artistic.

The blossoms of the Decorative Dahlias are large, flat but beautiful in shape, and full to the center; the petals are somewhat irregularly situated, long, broad, flat, and nearly straight.

New Decorative Dahlias for 1917

These four new Dahlias are the best new Decorative Dahlias to-date, to my knowledge, and are worthy of a prominent place in any collection.

I will ship this collection of "Four Superb Decorative Dahlias" prepaid to any part of the United States or Canada, for \$4.00.

Lydia Vance. A new Decorative variety of perfect habit, and a remarkable blending of colors: white daintily overlaid lavender-pink. One of the finest. \$1.00 each.

Mr. Tyndall. Gigantic new Decorative Dahlia possessing a novel combination of colors: orange-yellow heavily shaded bronze. Flowers produced with freedom; stiff wiry stems. \$1.00 each.

Salem. New Decorative Dahlia with fern-like foliage, and a very odd color combination. Brick-

red, edged and shaded orange-yellow, or amber. 50 cents each.

Tenor Alvarez. Gigantic New French Decorative Dahlia. This new variety is one of the largest and finest Decorative Dahlias to my knowledge. The flowers are produced upon long wiry stems well above the foliage, which is remarkable for a Dahlia so large. The color combination is very pleasing and attractive but difficult to describe. Violet-red very heavily striped and splashed lilac and white. \$2.00 each.



Plot of Decorative Dahlia, J. M. Goodrich.

New Up-to-date Decorative Dahlias for 1917

Four of the finest and most satisfactory Decorative Dahlias grown; varieties that have reached perfection in every respect. They are of gigantic size, perfect shape, produce their blossoms in abundance, and bear my highest recommendation.

I will send these "Four Ideal Dahlias," prepaid, to any part of the United States for \$2.00. "J. M. Goodrich" and "Mina Burgle" are two Dahlias everyone should grow.

Darlene. Alexander's Delicate New Decorative Seedling. An exquisite shade of live shell-pink, with a dainty blending of white at center. The plants make ideal specimens, averaging about three feet in height; a single plant making a very effective showing. For massing or hedging, "Darlene" is ideal. The foliage is a heavy deep green; a perfect contrast with the pink and white blossoms. This variety is one of the most satisfactory garden varieties we are offering, the plants being literally covered with blossoms from early July until frost. The uniformity and perfection of the flower shows unusual qualities. Unquestionably the finest pink and white Decorative Dahlia to date. \$1.00 each.

Frank A. Walker. Alexander's New Decorative Seedling. Expressly named for Mr. Frank A. Walker, of Stoneham, Mass., in compliment to his intense love of Dahlias. A charming shade of deep lavender-pink. For garden decoration or for cut flowers this variety is exceptionally good; having long stems and producing flowers

in great abundance. This Dahlia should be in every garden. 75 cents each.

J. M. GOODRICH. Gigantic new Decorative seedling. Without exception the best Decorative for all purposes we have had the pleasure of introducing. It has size and beauty, exceptionally long stems, and is free-flowering. The coloring is entirely new, and wins instant favor. A beautiful salmon-pink, each petal effectively tipped primrose-yellow. The nearest to an ideal Dahlia we have been able to introduce. 75 cents each.

MINA BURGLE. A seedling named and originated by Mr. Burgle, a California Dahlia lover. This new introduction is one of the finest varieties to date; a champion variety, producing flowers of gigantic size, and remarkable beauty. The best in existence; in color, a glowing and most brilliant scarlet. The flowers are of perfect Decorative type, and borne upon long, wiry stems, well above the foliage. A variety which attracts universal attention. 50 cents each.

New Holland Decorative Dahlias for 1917

The New Holland Decorative Dahlias are the very choicest of the New Decorative Dahlias, possessing size, beauty and quality. They are among the finest of our foreign importations.

I will ship this Wonderful Collection of Six Gigantic Decorative Dahlias, prepaid, to any part of the United States for \$3.00.

Alice Roosevelt. New Holland Decorative Dahlia. The blending of colors is very unusual, white daintily overlaid lilac. Plants are of remarkably good habit, producing flowers upon strong, wiry stems, well above the foliage. 25c each.

Berch van Heemstede. New Holland Decorative Dahlia. A remarkably handsome variety, of perfect form, especially distinguished for its

purity in color; a most exquisite pure yellow. This variety is one of the latest importations from Holland, being introduced there in 1914, where it was awarded the First-Class Certificate. \$1.00 each.

Great Britain. Gigantic New Holland Decorative Dahlia. The average size of the flowers is nearly eight inches in diameter; this is an ex-

cellent attribute and rather exceptional. The uniformity and perfection of bloom shows unusual qualities. As an exhibition Dahlia it has no peer, as a garden Dahlia it is unrivaled, and as a cutting Dahlia it is in a class by itself. In color, a beautiful deep mauve shade. This variety was introduced in Holland for the first time in 1913, where it received the First-Class Certificate; also an Award of Merit at the Dahlia trials in Cardiff, England, in 1914. \$1.00 each.

HORTULANUS FIET. Wonderful New Holland Decorative Dahlia. A magnificent flower of great individuality; one that will give perfect satisfaction. The coloring of this variety is exceedingly wonderful, a beautiful shade of salmon exquisitely blending to yellow at the center. This delightful combination of color gives this variety a supreme place in the Decorative type. To prove that this new importation is unquestionably a valuable Dahlia, I will mention the fact that it received the First-Class Certificate when first exhibited in Holland, and also an Award of Merit at the Dahlia trials in Cardiff, England. \$1.00 each.

HORTULANUS WITTE. Remarkable New Holland Decorative Dahlia. A perfect wonder. Its remarkable qualities being excellent type, perfect form, and purity of color. The flowers are borne in a miraculous profusion, upon long, stiff stems, well above the foliage. The color is a waxy, almost glistening pure white. A beauty in every sense of the word. Awarded First-Class Certificate in Holland. An ideal variety that bears our highest recommendation. 75 cents each.

PRINCESS JULIANA. Splendid New Holland Decorative Dahlia. This new importation is known as "The Queen of Dahlias," principally because of its remarkable qualifications. It is perfect as an exhibition flower, ideal for garden decoration, and unsurpassed for cutting. Holland Dahlia Specialists claim this the finest white Decorative Dahlia for cut-flower purposes, and also the best flowering. "Princess Juliana" received the Holland Dahlia Societies' First-Class Certificate. 50 cents each.



Decorative Dahlia, Mina Burgle, Showing Perfect Habit and Length of Stem of This Variety.

General List of Decorative Dahlias

I will ship this collection of 51 Decorative Dahlias, prepaid, to any part of the United States for \$9.00.

Amphion. Chrome-yellow, shaded cherry-rose. Plants dwarf. 10 cents each.

Beaute Lyonnaise. A novel Fancy Decorative of French origin. White, tinted and edged scarlet, tipped white. Occasionally a solid red flower on same plant. Very attractive. Dwarf growing plants. 20 cents each.

Beauty of Brentwood. Plum, striped darker. 10 cents each.

Black Prince. Nearly black. 20 cents each.

Blue Oban. Lavender, with a beautiful tint of blue. The nearest to blue of any Dahlia in existence. Very desirable on account of its peculiar color. 20 cents.

Catherine Duer. "The Newport Dahlia." Glowing shade of red. 15 cents each.

Clarabel. Rich, rosy purple. 10 cents each.

Clifford W. Bruton. A large canary-yellow. 15 cents each.

Cora Gleason. Deep purple. 10 cents each.

Delicata. Light salmon, shaded pink. 10 cents each.

DELICE. The finest and brightest pink Decorative Dahlia in existence. Flowers are of good size, standing well above the foliage. A charming bright pink, suffused lavender-pink. One of the best known cut-flower varieties in the Dahlia-world. 25 cents each.

Dolly or Sylvia. White edged pink. 10 cents each.

ELSIE DAVIDSON. A giant-flowering, deep golden yellow. 20 cents each.

F. GRINSTEAD. This wonderful Fancy Decorative Dahlia possesses exceptional qualities. Principally, it is one of the most free-flowering; as a cut-flower variety it has no peer, having beautiful long, straight, upright stems; the flowers are of perfect Decorative type, and in color a most artistic combination. Deep golden-yellow, distinctly striped and splashed a clear and effective crimson-scarlet. 35 cents each.

Frederick Spittel. Vermilion-scarlet, often tipped white. 25 cents each.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS—Continued.

Gorgeous. Beautiful crimson-scarlet. Very desirable. 20 cents each.

JACK ROSE. The identical shade of the rose with the same name; and an ideal comparison to the celebrated "Jack Rose," resembling in both color and beauty. This variety is exceedingly free, carrying its fairly large flowers on very erect stems in greatest abundance; flowers early, and during the hot weather the color is likely to burn somewhat. 20 cents each.

JEANNE CHARMET. One of the most beautiful Dahlias ever produced. A seedling from "Mme. Van den Deal," the flowers measuring from seven to ten inches in diameter, and are borne on stiff, wiry stems, frequently eighteen to twenty-four inches long. In color, it is a most exquisite shade of lilac-pink, daintily shading to pure white towards the center, with a tinge

of light yellow at the margins. At first sight this beautiful flower appears to be a charming lavender-pink. A model of perfection. (See illustration on next page.) 25 cents each.

John R. Baldwin. A splendid variety. Color, a beautiful salmon-red. 25 cents each.

Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. Good form and pure white color. 25 cents each.

La France. A very large, deep pink, some of the petals slightly edged with white and deeper pink. 20 cents each.

LE GRAND MANITOU. This wonderful new Dahlia is the largest and grandest Fancy Decorative Dahlia in existence. It is a most sensational variety, one of the showiest and most attractive to date. The flowers are renowned for their excellent qualities, being beautiful in color, perfect in form, grand in appearance, and of immense size. The color of this superb variety is pure white artistically striped, splashed and blotched deep violet-purple. The plants occasionally bear a solid purple-colored flower. The effect of these phenomenal flowers is most pleasing, giving this variety a supreme place in this class. See illustration page 32. 35c each.

Leo XIII. The habit of the plant is all that can be desired; producing large flowers, upon splendid stems, well above the foliage. "Leo XIII" is a beautiful deep yellow. \$1.00 each.

Mademoiselle Marie Hoste. A fascinating shade of heliotrope, shaded white. 25 cents each.

Maid of Kent. Rich cherry-red, splashed and blotched pure white. A variegated Dahlia, with unusually peculiar markings. The center of some blossoms are pure white, others are half ruby-red and half white, while most are entirely distinct, it being very seldom that two flowers appear alike on the same plant, they being any combination of ruby-red and white; generally blotched instead of striped. 10 cents each.

Manitou. Immense flowers, of an exquisite amber-bronze. 35c each.

Mme. A. Lumiere. An exceptionally attractive variety; pure white, with violet-red tips. The plants are of remarkably good habit, producing the blossoms upon very long, stiff stems, well above the foliage. This variety we can recommend as one of the most satisfactory. 25 cents each.

Mme. Helen Charvet. A seedling from "Mme. Van den Deal;" flowers are much larger, florets of enormous width. Glistening white, daintily overlaid pinkish-lavender. Strong and vigorous. 20 cents each.

MME. VAN DEN DAELE. A grand Dahlia of highest Decorative type. Flowers large, of extra fine form, and produced upon exceptionally good stems, well above the foliage. As a cut-flower variety it is unsurpassed. The color, white, deeply edged live silvery-pink. A Dahlia which bears my highest recommendations. 25 cents each.

MME. VICTOR VASSIER. The grandest, clear, sulphur-yellow Decorative to date. 35 cents each.



THIS GRAND, SUPERB SET OF TWELVE DIFFERENT FRENCH DECORATIVES FOR \$2.00, PREPAID.

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| No. 1 Jeanne Charmet | No. 7 Jack Rose |
| " 2 Mme. Helene Charvet | " 8 Progress |
| " 3 Frank A. Walker | " 9 Pearl de la tete d'Or |
| " 4 Minos | " 10 Mme. A. Lumiere |
| " 5 Reggie | " 11 Grand Duke Alexis |
| " 6 Mme. Victor Vassier | " 12 Source de Feu. |



Jeanne Charmet, Good Specimen of True Decorative Type.

PERLE DU PARC DE LA TETE D'OR. One of the best white Decorative Dahlias, resembling the Peony. Petals are evenly split or notched at tips, giving the flower a unique appearance. Color, white, effectively overlaid lavender. 20 cents each.

PEARLE DE OCEAN. One of the most charming Decorative Dahlias in existence. A clear waxy white, beautifully crested lemon-yellow; the whole being daintily overlaid clear pink. One of the finest varieties we ever imported from France, and one that will give perfect satisfaction. 35 cents each.

Peerless. A very odd Fancy Decorative variety; golden yellow, striped, splashed and dotted bright crimson. 25 cents each.

Prof. Mansfield. A very novel combination of colors; rich shade of yellow, tipped and striped white, the whole overlaid rose-red. 15 cents each.

Prince of Orange. A novel combination of orange and yellow shades. 20 cents each.

Progress. A clear lavender, with stripes and blotches of soft crimson, through each petal. 20 cents each.

PURPLE MANITOU. Enormous flowers of a rich clear deep purple. Identical in shape, form and size to "Le Grand Manitou." The very finest purple Decorative Dahlia in existence. I cannot recommend this variety too highly. 35 cents each.

Source de Feu. A very dazzling color; brilliant orange, splashed and overlaid vermilion. 20 cents each.

Mme. Vercruyssen. An unusually fine variety, admired by all who like striped Dahlias, the color being a beautiful canary-yellow, heavily striped scarlet. 25 cents each.

MINOS. One of the finest Dahlias to date. The flowers are large, and exceedingly beautiful, borne on long, graceful, wiry stems. The color is intense velvety maroon, almost black. An ideal cut-flower variety. Fine for all uses. See illustration page 33. 20c each.

Monrovia. Rich fawn, shading to bronze; reverse of petals purple. 10 cents each.

Morocco. Rich, velvety purple-maroon distinctly tipped white. 20 cents each.

Mrs. Hartong. Deep orange, tipped pinkish-white. 20 cents each.

Oban. Mauve. Extra fine form. 10 cents each.

Ora Dow. A beautiful velvety maroon, effectively tipped white. Very strong, tall growing plant. 25 cents each.

PAPA CHARMET. A very brilliant deep coral-red, overlaid with a darker shade of velvety maroon. Very free-flowering. The plant is a vigorous grower, with heavy, dark, glossy green foliage, and a remarkable constitution. The general color effect being a rich crimson-maroon. 35 cents each.



Le Grand Manitou, Decorative Dahlia (See page 31).

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS—Continued.

Souvenir de Gustave Doazon. This variety is a good comparison to the "Sunflower." It is the largest Dahlia in existence. The color is a pleasing shade of orange-red. The flowers are full to the center, and often measure 9 inches and over in diameter, and they can be forced to measure over 12 inches. The plant is a very tall, vigorous grower, with heavy, dark, glossy green foliage, and a remarkable constitution. Very long stems, of pleasing, stiff, upright type. "Souv. de Gustave Doazon" should be in every garden. 20 cents each.

VILLE DE MANTES. Brilliant ruby-crimson, distinctly tipped white. A very attractive variety, and one that we can recommend to our friends as a most desirable type of the Decorative Dahlia. 25 cents each.

Wilhelm Miller. Very brilliant purple. This is a fine variety of the Decorative type. 10 cents each.

Wm. Agnew. Intense glistening scarlet-crimson. This variety is a rapid grower and has a strong constitution, one that always gives good satisfaction. 15 cents each.



Minos—Decorative Dahlia (See page 32).

Giant-Flowering or Colossal Dahlias

Sincerely believing the time has come when there should be a distinction between the "true" flat petaled Decorative Dahlia and the "hybrid" Decorative Dahlia, of which "Le Colosse" is one of the first and best known, I am creating this new classification.

The Colossal type includes all the giant-flowering Dahlias, intermediate between the broad, flat petaled Decorative Dahlia, and the common, quilled Show Dahlia.

Colossal fully portrays the idea—gigantic flowers of great depth, massive in proportions, and globular in shape; petals are cup-shaped, and placed in exact regularity. Plants are strong, sturdy and robust.

Seven Wonders of the Dahlia World

"THE COLOSSAL SEVEN"

This phenomenal collection includes the very largest Colossal Dahlias in existence, all exhibition varieties of gigantic size. I will ship the "Colossal Seven" to any part of the United States, prepaid, for \$4.

AMERICAN BEAUTY. This champion Dahlia is a seedling from the well-known French variety, "Le Colosse," being almost identical in form, shape and size. The flowers are of gigantic size and produced on long, heavy stems, well above the foliage. The color of this acquisition is a gorgeous wine-crimson. "American Beauty" is the largest and best of its color in existence, and can be highly recommended. 25 cents each.

FIREBURST. This gigantic Colossal Dahlia is a seedling from the well-known French variety, "Le Colosse." The flower is more flatly built, has broader and longer petals, of a far more intense scarlet, slightly shaded orange-red. This is a variety of great value, producing specimens which measure 8 inches and over in diameter. The strongest words of praise are not too extravagant when applied to this wonderful New Colossal Dahlia. To our knowledge the finest scarlet Colossal Dahlia in existence. 50 cents each.

Giant Purple or Royal Purple. This New variety is a seedling from "Le Colosse," being identical in form, shape and size. The color is a lively shade of royal purple. The flowers are of perfect formation, very double, and borne on long, wiry stems. This giant is destined to be one of the finest for exhibition purposes. The unusual heavy demand for this variety leaves our stock extremely limited. \$1.00 each.

J. K. ALEXANDER. One of my seedlings of special merit which can be highly recommended. It will have a world-wide reputation in a short time because of its excellence and size. This grand Colossal Dahlia is a seedling from the well-known "Le Colosse," and has the exact form of petals and same shape as that famous variety. The color of this beautiful flower is a royal shade of clear, rich, violet-purple, which deepens to an exquisite deep purple. The gigantic flowers are borne on long, wiry stems well above the foliage, giving perfect contrast with the dark green foliage. This acquisition produces its mammoth flowers freely and is a great advance in the class of exhibition varieties. \$1.00 each.

Le Colosse. An exceptionally popular Dahlia; especially distinguished for its enormous size; being one of the largest grown. Color, brick-red. "Le Colosse" is a very deep, massive flower of globular shape; petals are cup-shaped, and placed in exact regularity. One cannot imagine greater perfection. \$1.00 each.

MME. MARZE. "New French Colossal Dahlia." To our knowledge the grandest white Colossal variety in existence. The perfect form, immensity of size, and purity of color prove it far superior to any other White Dahlia to date. Its wonderful flowers are produced exceptionally freely on long, wiry stems. The best white Colossal in the world. 50 cents each.

YELLOW COLOSSE. An ideal Dahlia that appeals to everyone on account of its distinct color, gigantic size and beautiful appearance. This magnificent variety is the best exhibition yellow in existence, being rich, refined and delicate.

Large, showy flowers of pure primrose-yellow are produced very freely on long, graceful stems. Its golden cup-shaped petals are daintily arranged, completing this beautiful, perfect flower. 25 cents each.

The Most Popular Colossal Dahlias

I will ship this wonderful collection of 18 Colossal Dahlias, prepaid, to any part of the United States for \$6.00, or this collection, with the "Colossal Seven" included, for \$10.00, prepaid.

Chas. R. Everson. Alexander's New Decorative Seedling. Named expressly for Mr. Chas. R. Everson, of Whitman, Mass., a great admirer of beautiful flowers. One of the most exquisite new creations. In color, a clear light lavender-pink, shading to white. Flowers produced upon long stems, well above the foliage. 75 cents each.

CUBAN GIANT or DR. J. P. KIRKLAND. Dark velvety crimson. Large. Stems long and wiry. Plants very tall, and sturdy. 20 cents each.

DREER'S WHITE. An excellent Dahlia for garden effect and hedges; plants are very strong and vigorous, making ideal bushy specimens, averaging 3 feet in height. In color, a pure, glistening white, and in form resembling the popular "Grand Duke Alexis," while in freedom of flowering it is not surpassed by any. Unquestionably the most valuable snow white variety in existence. 25 cents each.

GRAND DUKE ALEXIS. A magnificent flower of large size and distinctly unique form, the petals being so tightly and exquisitely rolled and quilled that the edges overlap each other. The color is a pure white, distinctly tinged pinkish-lavender. 20 cents each.

Jennie Johnson. White, very deeply suffused with lavender pink. "Jennie Johnson" is a seedling from the popular French variety, "Grand Duke Alexis," possessing the beautifully cup-shaped petals characteristic of the parent variety. 35 cents each.

Madame Devinat. In form and arrangement it is very similar to the well-known French Decorative "Grand Duke Alexis"; but is a great deal larger and deeper. The petals are cup-shaped and quilled in the center. The color is pure white, daintily overlaid lavender-pink. A very effective variety. \$1.00 each.

Mademoiselle Marguerite des Blanc. An enormous white Colossal Dahlia of perfect form. 35 cents each.

Mme. Augusta Nonin. A perfect flower, with fluted petals. Large, clear lilac blossoms. 35 cents each.

Mrs. Roosevelt. A most beautiful flower. It is of immense size, fine color, graceful form and has excellent stems for cutting. Flowers 6 to 8 inches in diameter. Delicate pink, shading to soft pink. 50 cents each.

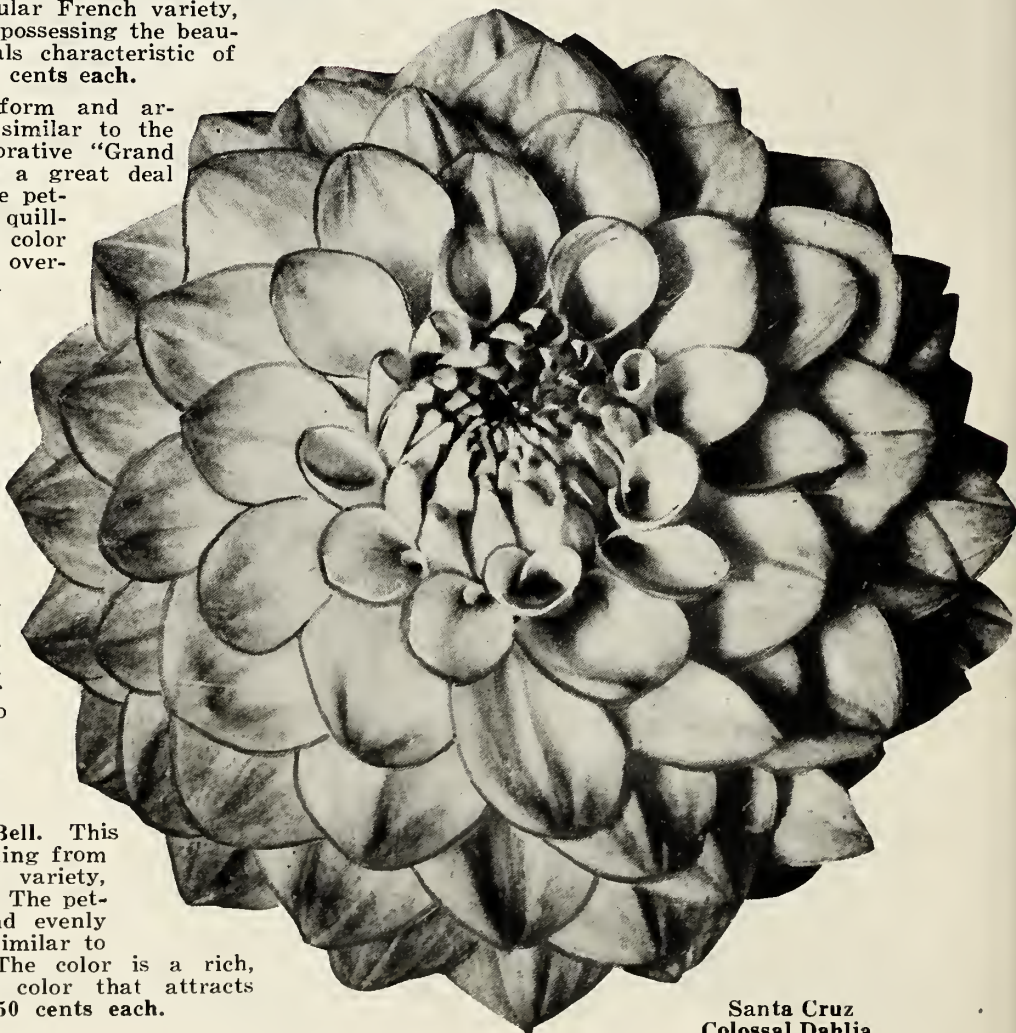
Purple Duke or W. D. Bell. This is a New Colossal seedling from that famous French variety, "Grand Duke Alexis." The petals are cup-shaped and evenly quilled to the center, similar to the parent variety. The color is a rich, deep purple, a royal color that attracts everyone's attention. 50 cents each.

Pythias. A seedling from the famous "Grand Duke Alexis." The petals are cup-shaped and quilled in the center similar to the parent variety. The color is pure white, daintily overlaid rose-lilac, deepening to lavender-purple in the center. This beautiful combination gives it the appearance of a deep lavender with white tips. 50 cents each.

REGGIE. A Colossal Dahlia, of beautiful cherry-red color. A variety that will give the very best of satisfaction, producing flowers upon long stems, well above the foliage. 25 cents each.

SANTA CRUZ. A remarkably handsome variety, of perfect form; the coloring of this variety is exceedingly wonderful; an exquisite deep lemon yellow artistically overlaid and blending a novel shade of salmon pink. Exceptionally large and free flowering. The plants are strong and robust producing their gigantic flowers upon long stems, well above the foliage. See illustration below. 75 cents each.

SURPASSE COLOSSE. Another Colossal variety; a seedling from "Le Colosse," the form of the flower being very similar, the petals being more flat and pointed. The color is a much deeper, and a more dazzling shade, a deep scarlet crimson. 25 cents each.



Santa Cruz
Colossal Dahlia.



W. W. Rawson—Colossal Dahlia.

AUGUS MEGAR. New Show Dahlia. The largest and finest lavender-purple Show Dahlia to my knowledge. Tall and sturdy. 75 cents each.

DAVID WARFIELD. Gigantic New Show Dahlia. Beautiful deep cherry-red. A Dahlia of extra good habit, producing its mammoth flowers upon stiff wiry stems, well above the foliage; a decided acquisition. \$1.00 each.

Flag of Truce. Sterling New English Show Dahlia. Heralded from England, as one of the finest to date. Flowers perfectly quilled; resembling in form the popular "Grand Duke Alexis." Pure white, effectively tinted violet-lavender. 75 cents each.

MAUD ADAMS. Ideal New Show Dahlia. This wonderful introduction is unsurpassed in quality, in every respect, in reality a model of perfec-

COLOSSAL DAHLIAS—Continued.

Tillamook. A companion to that grand old Dahlia, Grand Duke Alexis, it differs in color, being a delicate blush, deepening at the tips to rose pink. Its pleasing color, combined with its large size and free blooming habit will make this a prize winner. 35 cents each.

VILLE DE LYON. Similar in form and color to "Mrs. Roosevelt." Very large flowers, of a most exquisite color blending, white flushed with pink; quilled petals. 35 cents each.

W. W. RAWSON. The popularity which this novelty has acquired in the short time it has been on the market, speaks for itself for the superior feature of this flower. The petals towards the center are quilled similar to the "Grand Duke Alexis;" toward the outer part they are more open and flat. The color is pure white, overlaid with amethyst-blue. This wonderful combination gives it the appearance of a delicate lavender. The flowers measure from 7 to 9 inches in diameter. See illustration. 35 cents each.

Yellow Duke. A splendid primrose-yellow, of good form. 25 cents each.

Haverstraw, N. Y., June 9, 1915.

Dear Sir:—I received your shipment on Saturday. All the bulbs were in good condition. I am very much pleased with them. Thanking you for the extra bulbs you sent, I am,

Very truly yours,
G. WILSON BARTINE.

Show Dahlias

New Large Flowering Varieties for 1917. This grand Collection of 6 giant-flowering Show Dahlias are the finest collection of Show Dahlias ever offered in this country; they are introductions from all over the world together with some of the choicest seedlings I have ever introduced of this type.

I will send this Superb Collection of 6 Giant-flowering Show Dahlias, prepaid, to any part of North America, for \$4.00 cash.

tion. I cannot speak too highly of this variety. The color is a pure, snowy white, very effectively overlaid clear delicate pink. Undoubtedly the finest of my this season's introductions; and in my estimation one of the finest of the Show type. 50 cents each.

Mme. Marika Anagnostaki. The extremely dainty blending of color is remarkable, being snowy white, delightfully shading to a beautiful rose-pink. 75 cents each.

MISS HELEN HOLLIS. Gigantic Scarlet Show Dahlia. A sensational wonder, and undoubtedly the largest and best deep scarlet Show Dahlia in existence. The blossoms are carried on long, stiff stems, well above the foliage. The plant is extremely sturdy, and produces a very luxuriant foliage. This acquisition can be highly recommended. \$1.00 each.

General List of Show Dahlias

I will ship this collection of 81 different named varieties prepaid to any part of the United States for \$15.00.

A. D. LIVONI. Beautiful soft pink. Well formed flowers with long stems. Very desirable for cutting. A very reliable old standard variety, grown by most every dahlia-lover. Perfectly round, ball shaped flowers, each petal being very tightly quilled, and arranged in exact irregularity. Free flowering. 10 cents each.

Acme of Perfection. Deep yellow; very compact flower, of perfect form, with long, stiff wiry stems. Good size. 35 cents each.

A. M. Burnie. Dark orange ground, lightening to yellow towards the edges. 15 cents each.

ACQUISITION. An exquisite shade of deep lilac. Very large with cup-like petals. Especially good for cut-flower purposes. 20 cents each.

Alice Emily. Orange-yellow. Large and fine. 15 cents each.

Ansonia. Beautiful, deep purple, edged lavender-purple. Plants dwarf in habit. 25 cents each.

Arabella. Sulphur yellow, tipped pinkish-white. 10 cents each.

Arian. Crimson-scarlet. A very deep flower. Fine form. 20 cents each.

Bride. Blush, edged deep rose. 10 cents each.

Brown Bess. A large, beautiful, well-built flower, borne on wiry stems. The color of this new introduction being a beautiful shade of brown, suffused lighter. One of the best. 75 cents each.

Champion Rollo. Deep orange-red. 20 cents each.

Colons. Light pink, suffused lilac, with darker tips. 35 cents each.

Diamant. Pure white. 35 cents each.

Dorothy Peacock. The flowers are of good size, exquisite form, great substance; and the color is that beautiful, clear, live pink that appeals to everyone. 25 cents each.

DR. KEYNES. Giant Show Dahlia. Buff shaded red. In shape one could not imagine greater perfection. This variety is one of the very best, and bears my highest recommendation. 50 cents each.

E. Potts. Crimson-maroon. 10 cents each.

Embracement. Deep rose-salmon, edged fawn. 35 cents each.

English Penelope. Fawn with a novel shading of amber and yellow. One of the largest. 20 cents each.

ETHEL MAULE. Pure glistening white. One of the finest. 20 cents each.

Fascination. Rose-pink, sometimes striped white. Extra fine. 15 cents each.

Florence. Yellow. 10 cents each.

Florence Trenter. Blush white, edged rose-purple. 10 cents each.

GLADIATEUR. Up-to-date Show Dahlia. Clear violet, shaded blue. A splendid new exhibition variety. 35 cents each.

Globe de Mantes. Bright scarlet, a perfect model. 35 cents each.

Golden Age. Sulphur yellow. Free-flowering. 10 cents each.

Gov. Davis. Clear, pale orange. 35 cents each.

GOV. GUILD. Large, pure white, rather short stems. 35 cents each.

Gracchus. Bright orange-buff. One of the best of its color, always reliable. 20 cents each.

Grand Duchess Marie. Seedling introduced 1911. Blooms in profusion. Stems from 12 to 18 inches in length; color is very striking rich buff overlaid orange, reverse petals pink. Good garden variety. 25 cents each.

HARRISON WEIR. A model in form, fine ball-shaped flowers, of large size. Color a rich lemon-yellow, veined with crimson; good stems. Very free. 35 cents each.

Imperial. Deep purplish-maroon. 20 cents each.

Ivanhoe. Beautiful New Show Dahlia. The color combination being exceedingly delicate; a beautiful snowy white, exquisitely edged pinkish lavender. The flowers are perfectly cupped, and especially distinguished for their enormous size. \$1.00 each.

James Vick. Purple-crimson. 20 cents each.

John Downie. Light yellow, heavily tipped deep garnet-red. 20 cts. each.

John Thorp. Pink, slightly tinged white at base. Good size. 10 cents each.

Lydia. An ideal flower, color vermillion scarlet. 35 cents each.

M. SOMERS. A beautiful clear purple. Large. 20 cents each.

Manzanita. Clear, rich lavender. 15 cents each.

Mariner. Yellow ground, with rich, crimson edges and dark center. 15 cents each.

Menfine Beauty. Deep scarlet. 10 cents each.

MERLIN. A beautiful orange-scarlet. One of the very finest dahlias ever offered. Free-flowering and good for cut-flower purposes. 20 cents each.

Miss Dodd. Pure deep yellow. 10 cents each.

Mme. Heine Furtado. White; large. Plants dwarf. Flowers have short stems. 25 cents each.

MME. ALFRED MAREAU. This is the finest pink Show Dahlia in existence. Large. 20 cents each.

MONSIEUR BURREL. Beautiful pure violet. One of the best. 35 cents each.

Mrs. Campbell. One could not imagine a more perfect blending of colors. Pale yellow, shaded fawn; backs of florets tipped and streaked rosy purple. 35 cents each.



**SET OF 12 SUPERB DECORATIVE DAHLIAS
FOR \$1.00, PREPAID.**

No. 1 L. Manderin	No. 7 Minos
" 2 Beauty of Brentwood	" 8 Beaute Lyonnaise
" 3 Souv. de G. Doazon	" 9 Mrs. Hartong
" 4 Oban	" 10 Maid of Kent
" 5 Dolly	" 11 Prince of Orange
" 6 Wilhelm Miller	" 12 Elsie Davidson

SHOW DAHLIAS—Continued.

Mrs. Dexter. Salmon. 10 cents each.

Mrs. Morgan. Pale ground, tinted rosy-purple. 35 cents each.

MRS. SUSAN WILSON. This is a grand acquisition to the exhibition class. The color is a deep burnt orange, veined with orange-red. One of the largest. 50 cents each.

MURIEL (See illustration page 38). A very satisfactory cut-flower variety. The flowers are of good size, and produced upon stems of remarkable length, and in color a most charming shade of orange. 20 cents each.

NORMA. A dahlia that should be grown by all flower-lovers. In my estimation a model of perfection. Flowers are large, perfectly quilled, and of a most exquisite shade of live bright orange. The blossoms are produced in remarkable profusion. 20 cents each.

Orator. Salmon-buff. 10 cents each.

PERFECTION. Orange-buff shades. This variety is properly named, a true model in every respect. 20 cents each.

Primrose Dame. A lovely shade of primrose. Medium size. Free-flowering. 20 cents each.

Prince Bismark. Deep purple. Large, perfect flower, of fine form. 20 cents each.

Purple Gem. Deep purple, distinct. 10 cents each.

Queen Victoria or Mary D. Hallock. Canary-yellow. 10 cents each.

Reliance. A very deep flower of large size; white at base, deeply edged purple-crimson, veined cream. 35 cents each.

REINE CHARLOTTE. Purple, with violet tints. 20 cents each.

Robert Broomfield. Pure white. Tall grower. 10 cents each.

Robert Mantel. Deep maroon. One of the very best. 35 cents each.

Robin Adair. Terra-cotta. 10 cents each.

ROSE (See illustration, page 38). One of recent introduction; a remarkable Dahlia of decided formation. Color, an exceptionally deep rose shade. Flowers carried erect upon extra long stems. Exceedingly free-flowering. 25 cents each.

Rosebud. The flowers are of perfect form and large size. The plants are dwarf and bushy, producing their flowers in great profusion. The color being white, effectively edged rose-pink. Flowers unusually full and round. 35 cents each.

Rubens. Golden yellow, with prominent orange center. A distinct flower of unusual beauty. 35 cents each.

Standard. Dark chocolate, high center. Very large. One of the best grown. 20 cents each.

STORM KING. The most reliable white Show Dahlia to date. In color, a pure white. Flowers produced on good stems, well above the foliage. Free flowering. 15 cents each.

STRADELLA. (Alexander) Seedling. Beautiful deep purple-crimson. Exceptionally free-flowering. Stems long and wiry. One of the finest to date. 20 cents each.

Sunburst. An exquisite clear salmon. 10 cents each.

Thelma. Purplish-maroon. Large, full flower. Plants dwarf. 20 cents each.

Thomas Austiss. Deep lilac. Good form. 20 cents each.

Thomas Pendred. Clear yellow. 20 cents each.

VIVIAN. A great favorite, which received the admiration of everyone who saw its wonderful flowers, the color being white, effectively edged rose-violet. An extremely wonderful blending of color, possessed only by the rare novelties. One of the Champions of our this seasons's introductions, and a variety worthy of the highest words of praise. 75 cents each.

White Bedder. Pure white. Very dwarf. Fine for bedding. "White Bedder" seldom grows over two feet in height. 10 cents each.

White Queen. Pure white, with an occasional soft lilac flower on same plant. 20 cents each.

White Swan. Pearly white. 10 cents each.

Willie Austin. Fawn. 10 cents each.

Wm. Dodds. Very large, clear yellow. Flowers produced upon long, stiff wiry stems, well above the foliage. 35 cents each.

Wm. Neats. Soft reddish-fawn. 15 cents each.

W. P. Laird. Lilac, veined lighter. 20 cents each.

Zephoris. A grand yellow variety. 50 cents each.



The Colossal Three.

THREE GIANT FLOWERING FRENCH COLOSSAL DAHLIAS, PREPAID, FOR \$1.00.

No. 1 Le Grand Manitou
No. 2 Yellow Colosse
No. 3 Madame Marze

Fancy Dahlias

I will ship my entire collection of Select Standard Fancy Dahlias, 29 different varieties, for \$8.00 prepaid.

Arthur Lefavour. Gigantic New Fancy Dahlia. A beautiful sulphur yellow lined, striped and speckled deep, gorgeous crimson. 25 cents each.

Chas. Turner. Very showy and novel in appearance; perfection in form and peculiar, though most pleasing combination of colors. Delicate orange with chocolate. One of the most satisfactory varieties to date. 35 cents each.

DAZZLER. Deep yellow, striped scarlet. 25 cents each.

Eric Fisher. Buff, veined and striped scarlet. 10 cents each.

FRANK SMITH. Dark maroon, tipped pinkish white. 20 cents each.

Frederick Smith. Lilac, striped purple. 20 cents each.

GEN. GRANT. Deep orange, striped chocolate. Sometimes the flowers will come a solid chocolate shade, and even then the flowers are extra fine shape. 20 cents each.

Geo. Barnes. A Fancy Dahlia of refined form, lilac, striped crimson. 15 cents each.

Gloire de Giscard. In color it is an almost indescribable combination of orange red, yellow, pink and white. The appearance at a little distance of this combination is a yellow base overlaid pinkish-red with white tips. 15 cents each.

Gold Medal. Canary-yellow, striped and flaked red. 25 cents each.

Henry Glasscock. Deep lilac, striped purple. 20 cents each.

Johan Doehler. New Fancy Dahlia. A magnificent new variety; buff striped and speckled crimson. Very large and fine. 35 cents each.

LES AMOURS DE MADAME. New Giant Fancy Dahlia. Delicate pale rose, striped scarlet. A beautiful combination of color and universally admired. 75 cents each.

LUCY FAUCETT. Pale yellow, striped deep pink, or light magenta. One of the best of this set. Very large and free. 20 cents each.

M. Augusta Lemaire. Pale yellow, heavily striped maroon. Very odd. Large. 75 cents each.

M. Van Tomme. Attractive New French Fancy Dahlia. An ideal exhibition variety; golden yellow, striped maroon. 50 cents each.

Mrs. Saunders. Soft yellow, tipped white. 20 cents each.

POLLY SANDALL. A novel combination of bronze-yellow, veined and blotched pinkish-white. 25 cents each.

PROF. FAUCETT. Sterling New English Fancy Dahlia. One of the finest of this season's introductions; lilac, beautifully striped chocolate; flowers of gigantic size. 35 cents each.



Muriel—Show Dahlias—Rose.

Rebecca. A charming shade of lilac; striped crimson. 20 cents each.

Rev. J. B. McCamm. Deep yellow, striped and flaked light red. 20 cents each.

S. Sickman. Purple-crimson, striped white; nitch-ed petals. 10 cents each.

Striped Banner. Crimson, tipped white; medium sized flowers. 10 cents each.

Souvenir de Madam Scalabre. New French Fancy Dahlia. A very distinct and attractive variety. Scarlet, very effectively striped yellow. 50 cents each.

SOUVENIR DE POESEL. Ideal New Fancy Dahlia. An exceedingly attractive variety of unusual beauty. Golden yellow, changing to red. 75 cents each.

Triomphe de Lorraine. Superb New French Fancy Dahlia. Yellow, beautifully striped carmine. Very showy and novel in appearance. 75 cents each.

Uncertainty or Incarnation. Delicate shell-pink overlaid and variegated pinkish-red. 15 cents each.

Watchman. Red, striped yellow. 20 cents each.

Zebra. A beautiful golden yellow striped and splashed a lively deep scarlet. 50 cents each.

Orleans, Mass., June 14, 1915.

Dear Sir:—We wish to thank you for so carefully filling our order of two weeks ago. The extras were very acceptable; we shall certainly remind others of the nearness and fairness of the "Dahlia King."

Yours truly,
GEO. H. DAVENPORT.

Greenville, N. C., May 5, 1915.

Mr. J. K. Alexander.

Dear Sir: The Dahlias came yesterday. Thank you so much for your promptness. I have planted them according to your directions, and am hoping for much pleasure through them.

Very truly yours,
MRS. JOSEPH LAUGHINGHOUSE.

Pompon Dahlias

The Pompon Dahlias are the finest for cut flowers; they bloom more freely than any of the other classes. The flowers are small, compact and full to the center, and produced upon long, wiry stems. Extra fine for bouquets. I have the largest and finest collection of any firm in America, and won more first prizes on this class of Dahlias than any other competitor in the U. S. A.

New Pompon Dahlias for 1917

Six Ideal Pompon Dahlias for \$3.00, prepaid.

Gloria. (Alexander.) In this little gem the coloring is absolutely unique. A beautiful wine-crimson, blotched pinkish-white. Very free-flowering. 75 cents each.

Golden Queen. (Alexander.) The most perfect yellow Pompon to date. 50 cents each.

LEADER. Alexander's New Pompon Seedling. An exceedingly neat, compact flower; of perfect form. The color combination is remarkable; a clear, lemon yellow, very heavily tipped rosy-purple. An entirely new color. One of the best in existence. 50 cents each.

Little Dorothy. (Alexander.) White, occasionally striped and blotched reddish-orange. Exceptionally free-flowering. 50 cents each.

PRIDE. Alexander's New Pompon Seedling. Very deep crimson-scarlet. In shape a model of perfection. 50 cents each.

Spy. (Alexander.) Undoubtedly the best orange-scarlet exhibition variety in existence. 50 cents each.

General List of Pompon Dahlias

This Collection of Select Pompon Dahlias, 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, unless otherwise priced; or I will send the 54 different varieties, for \$7.00.

Alewine. Delicate pink, tinted lilac. Fine.

AMBER QUEEN. Rich, clear amber, shaded apricot. 15 cents each.

Ariel. Orange-buff.

BELLE OF SPRINGFIELD. The smallest Dahlia grown. Perfect miniature flowers of bright brick red. A little beauty. 25 cents each.

BOBBY. Plum color. One of the best.

BRICK TOP. The finest brick-red Pompon. Free-flowering. 25 cents each.

Brunette. Crimson, sporting white.

Catherine. Bright yellow.

Darkest of All. Nearly black. Best dark.

DARKNESS. Dark maroon.

DARKSOME. (Alexander.) The color is a deep wine-crimson, almost maroon. Fine form, with long, graceful stems. 75 cents each.

Donovan. White with lavender tips. Very fine. 15 cents each.

Elfin. Beautiful primrose-yellow. 15 cents each.

FAIRY QUEEN. Sulphur-yellow, edged pink.

Fascination. Pink and lavender, blotched white.

Guiding Star. White, quilled petals. 15 cents each.

Grauss am Wein. Crushed strawberry. 15 cents each.

RECOMMENDED COLLECTION

Gloria, Leader, Pride, Amber Queen and Darksome, prepaid, for \$2.00.



THIS GRAND, SUPERB SET OF 17 SHOW AND FANCY DAHLIAS, \$3.00 PREPAID.

This is the best set of large-flowering Show and Fancy Dahlias ever offered in this country for the money. All prize winners.

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| No. 1 Primrose Dame | No. 10 William Neats |
| " 2 Merlin | " 11 Gladiateur |
| " 3 Gov. Guild | " 12 Ansonia |
| " 4 M. Burrel | " 13 Lucy Faucett |
| " 5 Standard | " 14 Mme. Mareau |
| " 6 Ivanhoe | " 15 Stradella |
| " 7 Alice Emily | " 16 Norma |
| " 8 Muriel | " 17 Mrs. Susan Wilson |
| " 9 Vivian | |



Little Bessie—Pompon Dahlia.

GRETHEN HEINE. Blush white with light rose tips. 15 cents each.

H. C. Winters. Pale fawn.

Hedwig Polwig. A beautiful deep red, distinctly tipped white. 15 cents each.

HENRIETTA. Yellow tipped crimson.

Hilda Searl. Orange-scarlet. Fine.

Jessica. Yellow, edged red; a very effective combination. 15 cents each.

JEWELL. Ideal New Pompon Dahlia. An exquisite bright yellow tipped, striped and blotched pure white. 50 cents each.

La Pettite Barbara. White, nitched petals.

Little Bessie. Creamy white. Fine.

Little Fred. One of the smallest Dahlias grown; lively rose-carmine. 15c each.

Little Jennie. Primrose yellow.

Little Marion. Alexander's Ideal New Pompon Seedling. The ground color is a soft salmon-pink, with a veining of crimson through each petal, and effectively tipped with a light reddish-amber. 50 cents each.

Little Mary. Dark crimson. A perfect model in every way. 35 cents each.

Madeline. Pale primrose, edged with rose-purple. Very free.

Marguerite. Deep lilac.

MARLIENE. A new seedling of our introduction. This is a grand addition to the Pompon class, with dwarf branching habit, with fine compact flowers, full to center. The color is a deep purple. 50 cents each.

May Clift. Light maroon.

Nerissa. Soft pink, tinted silver, quite a new and distinct color. 25 cents each.

Phoebe. Orange, tipped crimson.

Pure Love. Lilac.

PRINCE CHARMING. Cream, very heavily tipped purple. One of the best.

Raphael. Very dark maroon of extra fine form. 15 cents each.

Red Indian. Deep coral-red.

Rosebud. White, edged bright rosy-pink. Very pretty and free. 20 cents each.

Ruy Blass. Crimson and purple, tipped with white. 35 cents each.

San Toy. White, very heavily tipped carmine. 15 cents each.

Sensation. Soft primrose yellow. Extra free-flowering. 25 cents each.

SNOW CLAD. Small white. Free.

Star of the East. Clear, white, distinct.

Sunny Daybreak. Pale apricot, edged rosy red. 25c each.

Viginal. Pure white; neatly quilled; small.

VIVID or "MARS." Bright scarlet. Fine.

Winifred. White, tipped lavender, small.

Winnie Richards. White, shading to light pink. 20 cents each.

Zoe. Base of petals edged clear yellow. Tips white. Sometimes blossoms come all yellow. 15 cents each.



Twentieth Century—Single Dahlia (See page 42).

Single Dahlias

These have become extremely popular, and we really think they deserve it, for they are pleasing and most graceful. Every variety is very free-flowering, and beautiful for the garden. These effective varieties are making wonderful progress among the flower-loving public, because they have grace, simplicity and beauty to make their form liked. Their flowers appear early and late in a miraculous profusion; this makes it an ideal garden Dahlia. Their colors are all rich, refined and delicate, and as a decorative flower for the garden or home they have no rival.

New Single Dahlias for 1917

One each of these "Three Superb Single Dahlias," prepaid to any part of the United States for \$1.00.

Brooklyn. Alexander's Attractive New Single Dahlia. The sensational flowers possess a most effective coloring; pale lemon yellow, delicately veined and overlaid a most fascinating crimson-red. The beautiful yellow center adds an exquisite charm to the entire plant. 50 cents each.

Hiawatha. Alexander's New Giant Single Seedling. This remarkable new variety is the largest

of my new seedlings. The plant is tall, sturdy, of pleasing upright growth, and in color a gorgeous dark velvety maroon. One of the most satisfactory Single Dahlias. 50 cents each.

Sachem. Alexander's New Single Seedling. A beautiful orange-scarlet. Flowers of large size. 50 cents each.

General List of Single Dahlias

10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, unless otherwise noted, or the entire collection of 42 different varieties for \$8.00, prepaid, to any part of North America.



Advancement. The first of a collection of the most valuable Singles ever offered in this country. Undoubtedly a great advancement in the Dahlia world, and sure to cause a sensational increase in the ever so popular Single Dahlia. Flowers are of remarkable size, produced on long, graceful stems well above the foliage; color pinkish-white, striped maroon. 20 cents each.

Adventure. A pleasing shade of pinkish-crimson, striped and splashed maroon. 20 cents each.

Aeroplane. Up-to-date New Single; one of the most distinguished of this collection, being an exceedingly brilliant crimson. 20 cents each.

Alva. One of the most beautiful of the striped varieties. Yellow, speckled and tipped with pink.

Ami Barillet. The maroon or purple foliage Dahlia. Color, richest garnet. 20 cents each.

Annie Huges. Bright sulphur, tipped cerise.

Aubright Beauty. A seedling named and originated by one of my customers, and through his kindness I have the pleasure of introducing. A pure waxy white variety. 35 cents each.

BEAUTY'S MASK. Alexander's Wonderful New Giant Single Seedling. This new Dahlia is the finest of our Single Seedlings, producing admirably gigantic specimens, measuring five inches and over in diameter. The blossoms are perfect beauties, of a wonderfully rich, clear purple. One of the choicest varieties in existence. 75 cents each.

BLANCHE (See illustration, page 7). The flowers are large and very attractive, being a pale yellow at the base, faintly tipped pink, with a cast of pure white over the whole flower, making it one of the most delicate varieties to date. 20c each.

Cardinal Century. Rich cardinal. One of the best in color and form. 15 cents each.

Celebration. Silvery rose-pink striped maroon. 20 cents each.

SET OF 12 SUPERB SHOW DAHLIAS for \$1.00 PREPAID

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| No. 1 Queen Victoria | No. 7 Golden Age |
| " 2 Mrs. Dexter | " 8 Robert Broomfield |
| " 3 Reliance | " 9 Robin Adair |
| " 4 A. D. Livoni | " 10 William Neats |
| " 5 Fascination | " 11 Rose |
| " 6 Imperial | " 12 M. Somers |

Conquest. The color of this Dahlia is perfectly gorgeous, being a rich violet maroon. A noble flower, in which are combined both size and quality. 25c each.

ELINOR. This charming New Seedling is one of the finest Single Dahlias in existence and is destined to become, by virtue of genuine merit, one of the most popular. The color is a delightful yellow, heavily tipped a light shade of crushed strawberry. 25 cents each.

Elmwood. An unusually fine variety, which was greatly admired by all who like striped Dahlias, color being a beautiful pinkish crimson striped, splashed and blotched mahogany. 20 cents each.

G. E. Varnum. Deep red, tipped lighter. 15 cents each.

GLOWING GEM. A splendid flower, with perfectly gorgeous coloring, being rich, deep crimson. 25 cents each.

Imperialiana. In color, a beautiful deep, clear pink; a perfectly charming color. 25 cents each.

Jack. The color is a brilliant fiery scarlet; the back of the petals are shaded with golden yellow, making it one of the most showy varieties to date. 25 cents each.

JENNIE WREN. White, effectively striped and splashed deep purple. 20 cents each.

Lord Goff. A Single Cactus Dahlia of the most refined form resembling a butterfly in appearance. The base of the petals are delicate cream, heavily tipped rose-pink. Flowers are borne on long, graceful stems, well above the foliage. 15 cents each.

Lysander. Crimson, striped maroon. Large. 15 cents each.

MAJESTY. Up-to-date New Single Seedling. A splendid flower, with perfectly gorgeous coloring, being rich, velvety maroon. A bouquet of this flower is most effective, and wins favor instantly. 50 cents each.

Man Friday. Deep maroon.

MILDRED. One of the most charming of the Single type. The color is a bright, clear yellow and exceptionally showy. 25 cents each.

MR. FRANK I. SHOREY. The coloring is most fascinating and delightful, being a beautiful waxy white, effectively veined and shaded delicate pinkish lavender. 35 cents each.

NEWPORT BEAUTY. Gigantic New Single Dahlia. The extremely good habit, and compactness of growth make this variety one of the most valuable. Each individual plant makes a solid bush of foliage; crowned with an unlimited number of dazzling crimson pink flowers. 35 cents each.

Prosperity. Light center, very heavily tipped rose-purple. 20 cents each.

Red Face. New Giant Single Dahlia. A valuable variety originated in Newport, and claimed to be the finest scarlet Single. 50 cents each.

Rose Pink Century. A rose-pink shade. 15 cents each.

SADIE. A pleasing novelty which is very striking and effective. In color it is a beautiful pink, neatly striped and speckled maroon. 20c each.

Sensation. Vermilion red, tipped snow white. Distinct and striking. A strong, vigorous grower and profuse bloomer. 25 cents each.

Snow Queen. White.

Striped Beauty. Yellow, beautifully mottled, splashed and striped glowing crimson. 50c each.



THIS SET OF 18 SUPERB POMPOM DAHLIAS, PREPAID, \$2.00.

No. 1 Pure Love	No. 10 Alewine
" 2 Darkness	" 11 Fairy Queen
" 3 Gloria	" 12 Phoebe
" 4 Star of the East	" 13 Fascination
" 5 Bobby	" 14 Gruss am Wein
" 6 Darkest of All	" 15 Snow-Clad
" 7 Sunbeam	" 16 Donovan
" 8 Little Bessie	" 17 Little Dorothy
" 9 H. C. Winters	" 18 Leader

Striped Gem. Pinkish purple, striped maroon. 25 cents each.

THE BRIDE. Pure white. Flowers of immense size. 35 cents each.

Therics. White, striped and splashed violet. 15 cents each.

Thomas Becket. Crimson lake, with bright yellow ring in center.

Utopian. The finest of its color to date. Clear purple. 25 cents each.

Victory. A brilliant wine-crimson Single Seedling of remarkable qualities. A champion variety. 20 cents each.

Violette. Lively shade of crimson.

Wildfire Century. Brilliant flaming scarlet, with orange-red suffusion at base. Unique and pleasing form. 20 cents each.

TWENTIETH CENTURY. (See illustration, page 40.) Purest white at both base and tips, and the center of petals is a delicate blush rose. Very large, 5 to 7 inches in diameter. 15 cents each.

Collarette Dahlias

French specialists have given us the beautiful improved Collarette Dahlia, an entirely new type of Dahlia; all of which have wonderful flowers and delightful color combinations. These were shown extensively last year at the European Dahlia Shows, where they met with great favor, and we feel confident that they will meet with the same approval here.

The flowers are single, when an additional row of short petals around the disc, which form a frill or collar, usually of a different color from the rest of the flower.

This remarkable collection of 21 Novelty Collarette Dahlias, prepaid to any part of North America for \$8.00.

ACHIEVEMENT or **JOHN L. LINDER.** Alexander's Wonderful New Collarette Introduction. (See illustration on front cover.) This phenomenal creation is the largest Collarette Dahlia in existence; a perfect wonder, especially distinguished for its perfection and unsurpassing qualities. In color the flower is a clear, rich, velvety maroon; collar, a beautiful snowy-white, very daintily overlaid a delicate shade of pinkish-crimson. The remarkable contrast of the above combination of color, together with its ideal form, and profusion of flowers, secures for this variety a supreme place in the Dahlia-world. 50 cents each.

Ami Nonin. Gigantic New French Collarette Dahlia. Dark crimson-carmine edged lilac; collarette, white. 75 cents each.



THIS GRAND, SUPERB SET OF 12 POMPON DAHLIAS, PREPAID, \$1.00.

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| No. 1 Pride | No. 7 Bobby |
| " 2 Guiding Star | " 8 Alewine |
| " 3 Prince Charming | " 9 Leader |
| " 4 Virginal | " 10 Amber Queen |
| " 5 Golden Queen | " 11 Little Fred |
| " 6 Raphael | " 12 Sunbeam |

Ami Cachet. New French Collarette Dahlia. Orange-red, yellow collar. 35 cents each.

Caroline Vicari. New French Collarette Dahlia. Purple, edged white; mauve-white collar. 75 cents each.

Comtesse Dugon. New French Collarette Dahlia. White very heavily overlaid and splashed rosy-purple; white collar. 75 cents each.

Comtesse Icy Hardegg. Remarkable New French Collarette Dahlia. Bright rose-purple; collarette white. 75 cents each.

Diadem. Superb New Collarette Dahlia. Carmine-rose; collar, white with light carmine markings. 35 cents each.

Directeur Rene Gerard. Gigantic New French Collarette Dahlia. Beautiful violet-purple, shaded and tipped white; collarette white. Exceptionally large flowers produced in great profusion. I recommend this variety very highly. 25 cents each.

Exposition de Lyon. Ideal French Collarette Dahlia. A very gay flower of bright garnet, with exceptionally fine yellow tips; collar white, daintily suffused lavender and overlaid crimson. One of the showiest. 25 cents each.

Gallia. New French Collarette Dahlia. Carmine-red, edged primrose; collar sulphur. 50 cents each.

Jupiter. New Collarette Dahlia. Primrose-yellow suffused crimson; sulphur collarette. 35 cents each.

MAURICE RIVOIRE. Wonderful French Collarette Dahlia, of sterling quality. The flowers are produced in great profusion on long, graceful stems, well above the foliage. The flower, a gorgeous, rich crimson, with pure white collar of short, well-formed petals, perfectly arranged around the rich golden-yellow center. One of the finest novelties. See illustration page 44. 25 cents each.

Meteor. New Collarette Dahlia. Crimson-maroon, very slightly edged old gold; collarette cream white. Star shaped. 35 cents each.

MME. E. POIRIER. Attractive New French Collarette Dahlia. An ideal Dahlia that appeals to everyone. This variety is renowned for its excellent qualities, distinct color, perfect form, and beautiful appearance. It possesses a very remarkable coloring, entirely new in the Dahlia-world. (The nearest approach to blue.) A beautiful deep velvety purple, suffused lighter, which gives a violet blue effect; collar a waxy, almost glistening pure white. A very satisfactory variety of unusual merit. 35 cents each.

Negro. New Collarette Dahlia. Very dark maroon, collar white. 75 cents each.

Orphee. Superb New Collarette Dahlia. Bright orange-red; golden orange collarette. 50 cents each.

President Viger. French Collarette Dahlia. The first of the collarette type, originated in 1905. Reddish carmine, with collar of white. 15 cents each.

Souvenir de Chabanne. First-class French Collarette Dahlia. A variety of great merit, especially distinguished for its charming coloring, and large size. Lemon-yellow, with coral-red markings; collar petals very abundant, lemon-yellow, tipped white. This was one of the first originated, and still ranks among the best. 20 cents each.

Souvenir de R. Bernardeau. New French Collarette Dahlia. Rose-carmine; cream collar. 35 cents each.

Signorina Rosa Esengrini. New French Collarette Dahlia. Lemon-yellow marked with orange-scarlet; collar lemon-yellow. 35 cents each.

Dahlias Not Catalogued

If you are looking for varieties that are not catalogued it will pay you to write to me before ordering elsewhere, as I carry a large list of uncatalogued varieties, my stock being insufficient to warrant me to catalogue these varieties.



Maurice Rivoire—
Collarette Dahlia.



Lexington, Ky., Nov. 2, 1916.

Mr. J. K. Alexander,
Dear Sir:

A freeze, with thermometer about 30 degrees on the night of October 21, killed my Dahlias. They were about at their best. But I had a long successful season, 2 weeks later than last year. Now I am harvesting my crop.

I write to ask you for some information regarding keeping my Dahlias through the winter. I have a splendid cellar with ample capacity. But house is heated by a large hard coal furnace. Will it not be necessary for me to cover my tubers with dry dirt or sand? And must I cover them as soon as they are stored? Will thank you for suggestions.

I was greatly pleased with everything I got of you. Was not disappointed in a single purchase I made. Hope to give you some good orders soon for next spring delivery.

How will your prices be for 1917 as compared to last Spring? If you have a 1917 retail catalogue to spare kindly mail me one. I want it for a friend. Trusting you had a fine Dahlia year and wishing you success, I am,

Yours very truly,
D. W. PARRISH.

P. S.:—J. K. Alexander, was simply "gorgeous." It is in a class by itself. What have you as good, in other colors and types?

Omaha, Nebr., March 27, 1916.

Mr. J. K. Alexander,
Dear Sir:—

Very glad to receive your 1916 catalogue and thank you for same.

Bulbs purchased from you last year were highly satisfactory in every way. Regret my limited space will not permit my ordering again this year. However, please be assured I shall have you in mind when wanting additions to my list.

Very truly,
J. R. BARRETT.

TWELVE IDEAL DAHLIAS, PREPAID, \$2.00.

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| No. 1 Thomas Becket | No. 7 Elinor |
| " 2 Jack | " 8 Mildred |
| " 3 Blanche | " 9 Sadie |
| " 4 Twentieth Century | " 10 Jennie Wren |
| " 5 Rose-pink Century | " 11 Lysander |
| " 6 Lord Goff | " 12 Glowing Gem |

Recommended Special Offers

I find many of my friends and customers who, after reading my catalogue, find it very difficult and perplexing to select from the large list of varieties, Dahlias that are the most suitable for their purpose. It is both my business and my pleasure to give satisfaction, I realize that the better satisfaction I can give you, the more business I receive, and that I not only receive your business, but am recommended to your friends. With this object in view I am making these Special Offers, and feel that, as I have had considerable experience with Dahlias, am willing to give you the benefit of my experience and knowledge.

In all these offers, I am to send you good, first-class varieties; the very finest I can give for the money; and if you have any choice, either in type or color, would appreciate your suggestions.

To anyone sending me \$50.00, leaving the selection to me, I will send 100 of the very finest Dahlias offered in my catalogue, prepaid.

To anyone sending me \$25.00, leaving the selection to me, I will send 100 Dahlias, all good, first-class free-flowering varieties, that are unsurpassed for the money.

For \$10.00 I will send 25 large-flowering varieties, my selection.

For \$10.00 I will send 50 of the finest free-flowering varieties, my selection.

For \$5.00 I will send 25 Up-to-date, free-flowering varieties, my selection.

For \$3.00 I will send 12 Superb Dahlias, my selection.

For \$3.00 I will send 18 first-class free-flowering varieties, my selection.

For \$2.00 I will send 12 Superb Standard varieties, my selection.

For \$2.00 I will send 18 Giant flowering varieties, my selection.

For \$1.00 I will send 12 Free-flowering Standard varieties, my selection.

The above offers, if left wholly to my selection, will contain principally Peony-Flowered, Cactus, Decorative and Show Dahlias; unless you express a desire for something different.



Minos.

Reliable.

Queen Emma.

Collection for 50 cents.

Special Offers

CUSTOMERS accepting these offers must receive them without the guarantee of us replacing any of the stock shipped under these offers, as there is but little, if any, profit made on any of them. The stock shipped in these offers is the same as in our regular lists, but I do not recommend them as equal to the above offers.

To anyone sending me \$1.00 and leaving the selection to me, I will send 14 named varieties, to contain some of all classes, no two alike, delivered charges prepaid to any part of the United States.

To anyone sending me \$2.00 and leaving the selection to me, I will send 28 named varieties, to contain some of all classes, no two alike, delivery charges prepaid to any part of the United States.

To anyone send me \$3.00 and leaving the selection to me I will send 45 named varieties, to contain some of all classes, no two alike, delivery charges prepaid to any part of the United States.

To anyone sending me \$5.00 and leaving the selection to me, I will send 12 Show and Fancy, 12 Cactus, 12 Decorative, 12 Pompons, prepaid.

Will you Form a Dahlia Club?

Of five for \$1.00 each, for My Special Offer of 14 named varieties, no two alike, to contain some of all classes, prepaid? I will give as a premium one of my \$1.00 Special Offers, prepaid.

To anyone getting up a club for \$10.00 I will give as a premium \$2.50 worth of anything in my 1917 Catalogue.

To anyone getting up a club for \$20.00, not including any of my Special Offers, I will give as a premium \$5.00 worth of anything in my catalogue.

J. K. Alexander,
Dear Sir:—

Bulbs ordered from you last September came today and are very satisfactory, although no bill was enclosed. I am sending check for \$5.45 which I think is correct. Kindly advise if not. I wish to thank you for the extra bulb "Chas. R. Everson" which you enclosed, and to say that it will give me a great deal of pleasure to grow a dahlia bearing that name. Allow me to thank you for the courtesy. Let me say that my experience has been, that your bulbs always come true to name, while from other growers it has been quite to the contrary.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. R. EVERSON.

Whitman, Mass., April 29, 1916.

Gladioli

The new Gladioli are without an equal either for bedding or borders. As a cut flower they are far superior to any other summer bloomer, either for lasting qualities or for the various uses for which they can be employed. If planted by the last of May they will bloom by the first to the middle of August, if cared for properly.

The Way to Plant—Dig the row or bed from eight to ten inches deep, then spread a liberal amount of good fertilizer in the bottom of the row or bed, then rake it in thoroughly before planting your bulbs; but if stable dressing is used it should be spaded in when the bed is first dug over. I find that hen dressing can be used, giving first-class results, if applied properly; but it must be put in the bottom of the drill or bed, then covered with fully an inch of soil before the bulbs are planted. The bulbs after being planted should then be covered from four to six inches deep; just as soon as they show their heads through the ground, they should then be cultivated. If this is continued once a week, till they commence to flower, one will be sure of first-class results.

Special Offers

Knowing many of my customers are not familiar with the different named varieties, that they want good, large flowering varieties regardless of the name, and wishing in order to guarantee satisfaction and give them the greatest value possible for their money, I make these Special Offers, all of which I recommend. The varieties I am to use in these offers are only the largest and best.

RECOMMENDED SPECIAL OFFER: For Massing and Borders. 100 Gladioli: 25 America, 25 Augusta, 25 Independence, and 25 Metropolitan. The 100 prepaid for \$5.00. 100 each of the four varieties for \$15.00, prepaid. These are four of the finest.

RECOMMENDED OFFER. One dozen named varieties, 12 different colors, varieties that are large, and that I will guarantee to give satisfaction, prepaid to any part of North America, for \$1.00. I make this offer to insure you good results, and in the selection will give you the benefit of my experience.

SURPRISE COLLECTION. Fifteen first-class assorted Gladioli for 50 cents, prepaid.

TRIAL COLLECTION. Five giant-flowering Gladioli, five different colors, for 25 cents, prepaid.

New and Choice Gladiolus for 1917

This remarkable collection of 11 phenomenal Gladioli, prepaid, to any part of the United States, for \$2.00. This collection includes the very largest and best of all Gladioli.

Empress of India (Velthuys). Gigantic New Dark Gladiolus. The very finest and nearest to black of any Gladiolus. A valuable novelty, and a variety worthy of my highest recommendation, especially because of its gigantic size and beautiful rich dark mahogany red color. The foliage is short and narrow, buds are almost black, the open flowers being very dark mahogany red of a beautiful satin texture, shaded darker towards the ends of the petals, which are marked both inside and out with dark velvety maroon. The lower petals have a distinct narrow line of white. This variety will be in great demand for decorative work and landscape effects. Awards at Haarlem and London. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$8.00 per 100.

Europa (Pfitzer). Sterling Large White Gladiolus.

This European variety has attracted great attention, and is considered by many experts to be the best pure white to date, having the finest spikes, the best individual flowers, and the purest in its snowy whiteness. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Fannie H. Beals. Alexander's Wonderful New Gladiolus Seedling. Named expressly for and by special permission of Mrs. Fred A. Beals of Everett, Mass., in recognition of her love for the beautiful. A very charming deep salmon-pink, with a delicate white stripe through each of the lower petals. A tall, sturdy grower of perfect habit. It will give perfect satisfaction. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.



Partial View of One of My Gladioli Fields, America in Foreground.



Kunderdi Glory

Glowing Gem. Alexander's New Gladiolus. The plants are of a strikingly vigorous, healthy growth, producing well expanded blossoms perfectly arranged upon a tall, sturdy spike. In color, a beautiful glowing crimson - scarlet. The most prominent feature of this variety is its color, which attracts great attention. 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Lily Lehman (Alkemade). New Holland Gladiolus. An imported variety of great promise. Delicate cream, very slightly tinted pink. A delightful white; very waxy and lily-like. Flowers of large size and slightly ruffled on the edges. The blossoms are not set close on the spike like the "America-type," but grow on longer stems like lilies. The effect of a vase is very beautiful, with a graceful airiness very different from the ordinary sorts. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$8.00 per 100.

Mrs. Frank Pendleton, Jr. (Kunderd). Awarded First-class Certificate of Merit by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Boston. This new variety is the result of crossing the best of the largest flowered types, and is now a type of its own. Its color is the most exquisite salmon-pink, with a very conspicuous blood-red blotch in the throat on the lower petals. This novelty was exhibited at Boston, Bar Harbor, and Newport; and judging from the comments made by those who saw it, undoubtedly it will become the most popular Gladiolus. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Niagara. (Banning.) A wonderful new Gladiolus of sterling quality. In color the flowers are a delightful cream shade, with the two lower petals daintily marked canary-yellow. The throat is attractively splashed with rich carmine. The stamens are purple, and the stigmas pale carmine. The flower spike is very erect and strong, and is wrapped with dark green foliage. In shape it resembles America, but the flowers are much larger and more showy. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$8.00 per 100.

Panama. (Banning.) A wonderful new seedling from America, which it resembles, but is of deeper pink. Flowers very large and spike long. Panama was awarded a silver medal by the Royal Horticultural Society of London; also Certificate of Merit from National Gladiolus Society, London, in August, 1912, where it created a great sensation, especially among the English specialists, and Holland bulb growers. It also received Certificate of Merit from New York City Florists' Clubs; also in Newport, R. I., and Toronto, Canada. Certificate from the Dutch Bulb Society of Haarlem, Holland; award for best pink in open class from American Gladiolus Society at Chicago; special Michell bronze medal for finest pink, A. G. S., Chicago. Its record for the past two years is astounding; winning highest award at every exhibition. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$8.00 per 100.

Peace (Groff.) Wonderful White Gladiolus. Gigantic flowers are borne on a magnificent tall spike, the entire plant shows a vigorous, healthy constitution. The wide open flowers are of a glistening white, with an attractive narrow stripe of purplish carmine through the centre of each lower petal. This extra throat marking is not a detriment to its beauty, but, adds to its attractiveness. The noblest white Gladiolus. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.



Europa.

Schwaben (Pfitzer). Beautiful New Yellow Gladiolus. Finest of German importations. This striking new Gladiolus is a pure canary yellow, shading to soft sulphur-yellow when opening; the deep golden yellow center is blotched with brilliant brownish carmine. Foliage is large and vigorous, of a beautiful dark green, which, combined with the brilliant sulphur-colored flowers makes it very effective for groups and beds. The brownish-carmine blotch being very deeply set in the throat, the entire effect is not reduced, hardly making any appearance unless each flower is examined. 25c each, \$2.50 per doz.

War (Groff). A Giant Red Gladiolus. Largest of all Gladiolus, showing from 4 to 6 open flowers at one time. Deep blood red, shading to crimson. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.



The Gladiolus Has No Superior as a Cut-Flower.

Standard Gladioli

I will ship this collection of 52 varieties prepaid to any part of the United States, for \$4.00.

A Gladiolus bed displaying one color is most effective; the Gladioli are ideal for massing, and add greatly to the surroundings.



America.

America. (Banning.) Universally acknowledged "King of Gladioli." Gigantic flowers of clear lavender-pink. 5c each, 50c per doz., \$3.00 per 100.

Aeroplane. The color is a beautiful clear deep pink, with an exquisite pure white throat. Individual flowers are very large and massive, being well arranged, and many open at a time. 35c each, \$3.50 per dozen.

Africa. Dark, amaranth, shaded black, with large, tinted white center. 10c each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Alice Carey. (Teas.) One of the finest whites ever introduced. The whole flower is a pure white at first glance, but you will find by close examination a very faint stripe of delicate light violet on the inside of the lower petals. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$8.00 per 100.

Augusta (Hallock.) Lovely, pure white, with blue anthers. 5 cts. each, 50 cts. per doz., \$3 per 100.

Baron J. Hulot. (Lemoine.) The finest blue to date. A rich, deep color of indigo blue. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Boston. (Childs.) Flaming orange-scarlet, with large white throat. 10c each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Brilliant. (Childs.) Beautiful orange-red, with carmine and white throats. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Brenchleyensis. (Youell.) Vermilion-scarlet. Fine variety. 5 cts. each, 50 cts. per dozen.

Canary Bird. (Childs.) As clear a shade of yellow as can be produced. 10c each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Contrast. (Banning.) Flowers of great substance and beautiful compact spike of perfect form; color intense scarlet with a large, distinct, pure white throat, which is neither tinted nor mottled. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Cracker Jack. (Cowee.) Large flowers of rich velvety dark red; throat spotted with yellow and dark maroon; a most sensational variety. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Eugene Scribe. (Lemoine.) Flowers very large and wide; perfect soft rose, blazed carmine-red. Extra fine. 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Eureka. (Alexander.) One of the most showy Gladioli ever introduced by us. It is a deep crimson, with a clear white throat, well open; the spikes are good size, very long, very striking. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Florida. Dark crimson. Very early to flower. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Golden King. (Black & Co.) Golden King resembles its parent, Golden Queen very much in color, but is much larger in size and habit of growth. The color is a bright, glistening, golden yellow, with a charming vivid crimson blotch in throat. Golden King is considered the finest blotched yellow of American origin. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Golden Queen. (Christy.) An exquisite bright golden-yellow, with a prominent rich carmine blotch in the throat; very strong spike of perfect form. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Halley. (De Ruyter.) Delightful salmon rose, with beautiful creamy blotch. Very large. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Harvard. (Tracy.) The color is bright solfereno with white throat, bordered with a deeper color. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Hollandia. A charming shade of salmon, tinted yellow. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Ida. (Groff.) The flower spike is large; the flowers being pure white daintily overlaid and veined a delicate pinkish-lavender; the stamens are purple and the stigmas pale carmine. A remarkable variety of excellent habit. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Independence. (Woodruff.) Rich, clear, deep pink, with throat markings of dark red. A very tall and strong grower, of great substance. One of the best for cutflowers. 5c each, 50c per dozen.

King Humbert. The magnificent flowers are a very showy, brilliant scarlet, with a pure, white stripe through the center of each petal. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

Klondyke. (Christy.) Strong, vigorous plant, blooming early; flowers round, well-opened, of clear primrose yellow; with blotches of vivid crimson-maroon on the three lower petals. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Kunderdi "Glory." "The Famous Ruffled Gladiolus." (Originated by A. E. Kunderd.) Each lower petal is exquisitely ruffled and fluted. Massive, beautiful flowers, which are well expanded and in color delicate cream pink with an effective crimson stripe through the center of each lower petal. 5c each, 50c per dozen.

Lamarack (De.) (Lemoine.) Cherry, slightly tinted with orange-red. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Lavender Beauty. Superb New Gladiolus Seedling. Acknowledged to be unsurpassed from a point of beauty, color, size, and effectiveness. White, delicately overlaid clear lavender; throat, a beautiful clear purple. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Liberty. (Tracy.) A bright red with strikingly marked primrose throat. Large, well-expanded flowers. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Lucius Mendall Fuller. Beautiful New Gladiolus Seedling. One of the most beautiful Gladioli under cultivation. A long, graceful spike of magnificently formed flowers; many open at one time. Delicate salmon-pink, with specks and blotches of deep salmon-pink on each petal; throat, primrose-yellow, striped salmon. A variety of strong, sturdy growth, and gigantic size. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Madame Monneret. (Lemoine.) Delicate rose. Fine. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

May. (Crawford.) A lovely, pure white flower, finely flaked with rose-carmine. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Meadowvale. (Cowee.) One of the purest of whites, without a shade of color, except in the throat where there is a touch of vivid crimson; the three lower petals have slight center markings of clear crimson-pink. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Melrose. (Childs.) Beautiful white flaked pink. Bright crimson throat. 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.



Shakespeare.

Metropolitan. (Groff.) The gem of this collection, the flowers are of the largest size, being well expanded. The color combination is most fascinating; the flowers are of light crimson scarlet with a beautiful deep cherry throat; edged salmon-pink, the whole being delightfully striped rich crimson. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Mohonk. (Childs.) Flowers of large size and great substance; deep dark pink, with spotted throats, shaded orange and flaked maroon. 10c each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Mrs. Krelage. A superb Gladiolus of immense size. Fiery-red with white throat; veined carmine and white. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Mrs. E. M. Smith. Alexander's New Gladiolus Seedling. A very attractive new variety of great substance. Deep pink, with bright cherry throat; two lower petals edged primrose-yellow. Plant, vigorous; spike, straight and strong. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Mrs. Francis King. (Coblentz.) Light scarlet of a pleasing shade; flowers are large, well arranged on a strong spike, there being four to six open at one time. One of the best in existence. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen, \$2.50 per 100.

Nazinscott. (Childs.) Bright, blood-scarlet, with deep, velvety crimson-black blotches and white mottlings in throats. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Novelty. (Groff.) An exceedingly odd variety of beautiful light salmon color; with orange-yellow throat; the whole being dotted and mottled with crimson. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Pactole. (Lemoine.) Bright, canary-yellow; maroon blotch on lower petals. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Peacock. Beautiful light blue, with crimson and bright yellow throat, marked like a giant pansy. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Pink Beauty. (Speelman.) Deep pink with small dark blotch. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen, \$3.00 per 100.

President Taft. (Stewart.) An exquisite variety of delicate salmon-pink, shaded darker at edge with deep crimson blotch in throat, and an attractive white line through each petal. A grand variety which evokes words of praise wherever exhibited. The spikes and flowers are of the largest size. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Princepts. (Dr. Van Fleet.) The Amaryllis-Flowered Gladiolus; color, rich crimson, with intense shadings in the throat and broad white blotches across the lower petals. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Rosella. (Groff.) The upper petals are lavender-pink, while the lower ones are a lively shade of rose-purple, with a clear white throat. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Scarsdale. (Cowee.) A grand Gladiolus, with large lavender colored flowers, shaded beautiful dark rose; extra large spikes growing very erect. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Shakespeare. (Souchet.) White, slightly suffused crimson-rose, large rose blotches. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Sterling, Minnesota, or Lafayette. (Groff.) A beautiful delicate pale yellow with rich cherry throat. One of the finest of our this season's Seedlings; and nearest in color to the famous New Ruffled Gladiolus, Kunderdi Glory. A perfect beauty. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$8.00 per 100.



Six Superb Gladioli

THE MARVELOUS SIX FOR 40 CENTS, PREPAID.

No. 1. Cracker Jack.	No. 4. Augusta. White.
Crimson.	" 5. Blue Jay. Blue.
" 2. Klondyke. Yellow.	" 6. America. Lavender-pink.
" 3. Mrs. Francis King.	
Scarlet.	

Name	Price per doz.	25	100	1,000
America	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$25.00
Augusta .....	.50	1.00	3.00	20.00
Blue Jay	1.00	2.00	8.00	50.00
Cracker Jack	1.00	1.75	6.00	35.00
Klondyke .....	.50	1.00	3.00	25.00
Mrs. Francis King.....	.50	1.00	2.50	20.00

The King. (Groff.) A beautiful, rich, deep purple with an ideal chrome yellow throat, the lower petals veined, white. The flowers are from 4 to 6 inches in diameter, borne on long spikes. Very large and showy. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Wild Rose. (Childs.) Bright rose, extra large flower; exceedingly delicate. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Woodrow. A very exquisite and attractive variety. Scarlet flower, with deep yellow throat. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

J. K. Alexander. Montreal April 22, 1916.
Dear Sir:—I received the bulbs O. K. Hoping for good results from them, and thanking you for prompt attention, I am,
JACOB DAVIES.

My Special Gladioli Mixtures

Some of the very best strains ever offered; also some of the best and grandest named varieties introduced in this country.

Alexander's Special Select Mixture

This strain comprises a large range of some of the very best colors and varieties ever offered at these prices, consisting principally of the best white, yellow, and pink shades.

First size, 50 cts. per dozen, prepaid, or \$3.00 per 100 prepaid; \$2.50 per 100, express collect.

Second size, 35 cts. per dozen, prepaid, \$2.50 per 100, prepaid; \$2.00 per 100, express collect.

Alexander's Select Mixture

This strain comprises the best mixture of large flowering red and dark shades. First size, 50 cts. per dozen, prepaid; \$3 per 100, prepaid; \$2 per 100, express collect; \$15 per 1,000, express collect.

My Special Mixture of Groffs

This strain comprises a large range of colors, some of the best Groffs grown, consisting of many red, crimson and darker shades.

First size, 35 cts. per doz., prepaid; \$2 per 100, prepaid; or \$12 per 1,000, prepaid; \$1.75 per 100, express collect, or \$10 per 1,000, express collect.

My Special Select Mixture of Some of Best Blues, Violet, Lavender and Smoky Shades

These are new and rare colors, \$1.00 per dozen, \$7.00 per hundred, prepaid; \$50.00 per 1,000, express collect.

My Grand Mixture

This strain comprises a large range of colors; some of the older types, together with a large number of new varieties, making it perfectly satisfactory, and by far the best obtainable for the prices.

First size, 30 cts. per dozen, prepaid, \$1.50 per 100, prepaid; \$1.25 per 100, express collect; \$10.00 per 1,000, prepaid; \$9.00 per 1,000, express collect.

Second size, 25 cts. per dozen, prepaid, \$1.25 per 100, prepaid; \$1 per 100, express collect; \$7 per 1,000, prepaid; \$6 per 1,000, express collect.



Alexander's Mixed Gladioli.

Gift Boxes

For the purpose of stimulating a greater interest in the Gladiolus, and believing many would be glad to send a few bulbs to a friend, we select and pack in neat boxes 15 bulbs of choice varieties, consisting of blues, yellows, light and dark pink, reds, white and crimson; all for \$1.00, prepaid.

Also boxes containing one dozen good assorted Gladiolus for 50 cts., prepaid. These are all good, large-flowering bulbs.

Your card can be enclosed if desired.

New Orleans, La., May 20, 1915.

Mr. J. K. Alexander, "Dahlia King,"
East Bridgewater, Mass.

Dear Sir: Your letter has been received and I thank you for the information it contained. I appreciate your kindness in writing so fully and I shall next year make use of all of your suggestions. It is now too late for the flowering season will soon end.

The plants have done splendidly, and my interest has been greatly increased by my success with your productions.

I am leaving tonight, and so I cannot send any more orders now, but next year I shall get a wider selection and many more plants of Dahlias and Irises.

I may be in Boston in August, and if East Bridgewater is easily accessible from that place, I shall try to make a visit to your grounds.

Yours very truly, CLARENCE F. LOW.

Mukwonago, Wis., April 20, 1915.

J. K. Alexander.

Dear Sir: Bulbs arrived O. K., and I am well pleased with them. The selection you made for me for the money sent was perfectly satisfactory. I have some good soil, and will take good care of them, and in the fall report to you what luck I have. I am yours truly, C. E. WOOD.

Franklin, Pa., May 22, 1915.

Mr. J. K. Alexander.

Dear Sir: I received Dahlias in due time and in fine shape; am well pleased with your fair treatment and liberal count. Every bulb I examined was in the best of shape.

Respectfully yours, D. A. NAUROSS.

Akron, O., April 19, 1915.

J. K. Alexander, East Bridgewater, Mass.

Dear Sir: The 20 Cactus Dahlias came today in excellent order. Thanks for the extra ones.

Sincerely yours, C. M. KNIGHT.

Woodford, Me., October 25, 1915.

J. K. Alexander, East Bridgewater, Mass.

Dear Sir: The Peonies and Iris, which you sent me last week came in wonderful condition. I am enclosing the postage on my package, which came by parcel post. Thank you for all this.

Very truly yours, MRS. M. L. GODINE.

Accord, Mass., September 29, 1914.

Mr. Alexander, The Eastern Dahlia King:

The Gladioli we received of you proved perfectly satisfactory. We shall surely make an effort to visit your gardens this fall. Thanking you for such a grand mixture. With best wishes, I am,

Truly yours, MRS. FRED STODDARD.

Cannas

The Way to Plant Cannas: Set dormant roots from 4 to 6 inches deep, 18 inches apart. Cannas will stand a good deal of forcing. Plant in any ordinary garden soil, using a liberal amount of well rotted stable manure or fertilizer. Beds of a solid color, or two colors, are the best.

How to Arrange Cannas in a Circular Bed: Get the tallest growing varieties in the center, and then carefully grade each succeeding circle, using dwarf kinds for the outside. Plant one Canna in center of bed, next six Cannas 18 inches apart in a circular row 18 inches from center. For each succeeding circle use six more Cannas than were used in the previous circle, and make 18 inches farther away from the center. A 10-foot bed thus planted will contain 1 Canna in center, 6 in first circle, 12 in second circle, and 18 in outer circle, all 18 inches apart.

Special Canna Offer

For a small bed 5 to 6 feet in diameter, I will send 7 Cannas, my selection; one tall variety for center, and 6 shorter of another variety for the outside, using my best judgment as to blending, prepaid for \$1; or for a bed 8 to 9 feet in diameter, 7 tall Cannas of one variety for center and first circle, varieties blending, and 13 shorter Cannas of another variety for second circle, varieties blending; the 20 Cannas for \$2.00, prepaid.

Popular Foliage Cannas

Of the many French, Crosby or Common Foliage Canna introduced, those offered below are the best and most popular. The habit of growth is remarkably vigorous; all producing large and luxuriant foliage.

Select list of French Cannas, 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, or I will send this set of five Cannas for

50 cents, prepaid, to any part of North America; if wanted in larger lots, \$5.00 per 100, by express, collect.

Flashlight. One of the finest green foliage Cannas; flowers red. 3 to 4 feet high.

Florence Vaughan. Large orchid flowers of special merit. Bright, rich, golden-yellow, spotted with bright red. The foliage is a bright green. 4 feet high.

King of Bronzes. Rich bronzy green foliage, broad, palm-like leaves, heavily veined and shaded with rich purplish bronze. Flowers pinkish salmon. Height, 5 to 7 feet.

Lohengrin. The best green foliage Canna. Lively shade of bright red; strong grower; fine for bedding. 3 to 4 feet high.

President Cleveland. Scarlet, with a deep bronze foliage. Very strong grower. Extra fine for the center of a bed. 6 to 7 feet high.

Italian or Orchid-Flowered Cannas

This wonderful new type of Giant-Flowering Canna is far superior to the Crosby type or Common Foliage Canna; having gigantic flowers, and the most artistic colors.

Eight Giant Orchid-Flowering Cannas, prepaid, to any part of North America for \$1.00.

George Washington. Wonderful Orchid-Flowering Canna. The best Giant-Flowering Canna; color very beautiful dark crimson, rich and velvety; flowers are very large and borne in great trusses. We recommend this as one of the most satisfactory in existence. Foliage heavy green. Height, 3 to 4 feet. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Improved Philadelphia. New Orchid-Flowering Canna. One of the brightest and best; producing enormous trusses of rich crimson flowers, upon a very luxuriant foliage. One of the finest for the center of a bed. Height, 3 to 5 feet. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Indiana. Giant Orchid-Flowers, of orange yellow overlaid with flame color, very rich and attractive, entirely different from any other Canna. Foliage dark green. Height, 5 to 6 feet. 15c each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Italia. Attractive Orchid-Flowering Canna. Center brilliant red, petals widely bordered with clear yellow, striking and handsome. Flowers are produced upon strong, sturdy plants; foliage green. 3 to 4 ft. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

King Humbert. Up-to-date Orchid-Flowering Canna. The pride of the Orchid-Flowering Canna; bright orange-scarlet, effectively streaked with crimson. Foliage, bronze, with brownish-green stripes; large, thick and leathery. A strong, robust grower. One of the most satisfactory. Height, 3 to 4 feet. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Pennsylvania. Superb Orchid-Flowering Canna. Flowers are extra large, often measuring seven inches across; remarkably free, of an intense vermilion scarlet, overlaid with an orange sheen; foliage rich green. 4 to 5 feet high. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Wyoming. Purple-Foliaged Canna. One of the most majestic Cannas. Blossoms orange-colored, true orchid shape, with large, round petals that flutter in the breeze like glistening silken flags. 4 to 5 feet high. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per doz.



Canna in Border.

Montbretia

A comparatively new summer and autumn-flowering bulb, which is one of the most brilliant, easily grown and satisfactory of all garden flowers, as well as the very choicest.

An ideal border plant, with elegant and graceful Gladiolus-like flowers and foliage. Should always be grown in masses or groups, and thus remarkably showy and brilliant. From July to October they are one mass of flowers, spike after spike of the flame-like beauties appearing. Extra fine for cutting, and very effective for bouquets, their dash of color lighting up a heavy mass of flowers with grace.

The Montbretias are easier than Gladiolus to grow, and require the same treatment, but can be planted earlier and left in ground later, as they are so hardy as to continue blooming after fall frosts.

Soil should be thoroughly pulverized, and bulbs planted five inches deep. Plant bulbs three to five inches apart; and although they will survive the winter with liberal mulching, I recommend harvesting them in the fall. They are very popular for clumping among perennials and for massing.

The colors vary from clear yellow to rich scarlet; and the plants grow from eighteen inches to two feet in height.

Aurea. The finest yellow variety in existence. Flowers large, and produced with remarkable profusion. In color, a beautiful golden yellow. Ideal for massing. 50 cents per dozen; \$3 per hundred.

Crocsmiaeflora. "The Queen of Montbretias." A showy orange-scarlet, with a beautiful golden-yellow throat. The strongest and most beautiful of the Montbretias. Flowers large, and produced with great freedom. 25 cents per dozen; \$1.50 per 100.

Fire King (New). Splendid glowing scarlet red. One of the most beautiful new varieties. 35 cents per dozen; \$2.00 per 100.



Zephyranthes.

Sauromatum Simlense

A rare and curious garden bulb, with odd flower and luxuriant palm-like foliage. The spathe of this Calla-shaped flower is two feet in length, with tapering point, and is of very large size. Color of bloom, green on outside, inside yellow spotted with purple. Foliage very large, luxuriant like a Palm. A rare and curious plant which will create a genuine sensation. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen, prepaid.

Tigridia

One of the most showy of all summer bulbs, and bloom from mid-summer until frost, growing from 10 to 12 inches high, with large, curious wide-open triangular blooms. The colors and markings are very brilliant and peculiarly odd and attractive, and clumps of them in the border have a most gorgeous effect. It is difficult to name a flower of such unique and exquisite beauty as a Tigridia, the superb spotting being so self-like and handsome. They are easily grown and always more than satisfactory.

Mixed Hybrids. From the beautiful red shades, through the orange and bronzes, to the yellows. A very effective assortment. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen, prepaid.

Tritoma

(Red-hot Poker, Flame Flower, or Torch Lily.)

The greatest bedding plant ever introduced, surpassing the finest Cannas for attractiveness and brilliancy, equal to Gladiolus as a cut-flower and blooms incessantly from August until December, regardless of frost. Plants are perfectly hardy in the open ground all winter south of Philadelphia; further north they must be protected or wintered in a cellar. Just bury the roots in sand; nothing more is required. Should be planted out early in spring, and will commence growth and bloom at once, growing larger and finer every day. Plants show from 6 to 20 grand flower stalks all the time, each holding at a height of 3 to 4 feet a great cluster of flame colored flowers of indescribable beauty and brilliancy. Fall frosts do not kill or stop its blooming, and it is as brilliant as ever long after all other garden flowers have been killed. For cutting it is unsurpassed, and the beautiful long spikes keep several weeks in water. Without a single exception, it is the most desirable garden flower.

Pfitzerii. (The Everlasting Flame Flower.)

In bloom from August to November, with spikes from 3 to 4 feet high and heads of bloom of a rich, orange-scarlet, producing a grand effect either planted singly in the border or in masses. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Uvaria grandiflora. (Common Red-Hot Poker.) Orange-red spike thrown well above the foliage. August and September. 4 to 5 feet. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Zephyranthes

Zephyr Flower, or Fairy Lilies

Beautiful dwarf, bulbous plant, very effective for masses or borders, flowering with great profusion during the summer. They are also suitable for pot culture. 6 bulbs clustered in a 6-inch pot in the autumn will give a fine display during the winter. 8 inches high.

Zephyranthes. Crimson-scarlet. Beautiful Amaryllis-like flowers. Very effective. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen, prepaid.

Iris—Iris Germanica or German Iris

Familiar and well-beloved flowers of Spring. The purity of their beauty and their haunting fragrance are decidedly refreshing. The winsome, modest beauty of some, forming a striking contrast to their more glorious sisters arrayed in a sheen of iridescent splendor. They fairly outrival the orchid in the wide range of coloring, which includes yellows, from light canary to deep golden; blues, from soft lavender to intense purples; reds, from pinkish mauve to claret and maroon; beautiful bronzes, and pure whites; and some varieties are marked and margined with other colors in exquisite harmony.

The German Iris succeeds in partial shade, but gives the most satisfactory results in a dry, sunny location. They are perfectly hardy and require only ordinary cultivation; growing luxuriantly. They should be planted early in the Spring: March, April and May; or in the Fall during August, September and October. Plant the bud or crown about two inches below the surface.

In this description, Standards signifies the three standards—erect, or upright curling petals; Falls—the three falls, or drooping petals.

My collection of German Iris consists of the very Newest and Choicest Up-to-Date Novelties and the Finest Standard Varieties.

New Irises

INTRODUCTIONS OF GOOS KOENEMANN

Nieder-Waller, Germany

The Goos Koenemann importations are the largest and finest varieties to date; possessing the newest and rarest colors in the German Iris. This collection of seven Superb New German Irises for \$4.00, prepaid to any part of North America.

Halfdan. Ideal New German Iris. Standards and Falls; a beautiful creamy white. One of the finest to date. 75 cents each.

Helge. Superb New German Iris. Standards and Falls lemon yellow with pearly shadings. This variety is unsurpassed in every respect. 50 cents each.

Iris King. Wonderful New German Iris. A beautiful new Iris obtained by crossing I. "Maori King" with I. "Pallida," combining the brilliant colors of the former with the large flowers and tall growth of the latter. Standards beautiful smoky-yellow; Falls, rich maroon, bordered yellow. 75 cents each.

Loreley. Effective New German Iris. Standards, light yellow; Falls, ultramarine-blue, bordered cream. One of the finest. 75 cents each.

Princess Victoria Louise. Rare New German Iris. Standards, beautiful sulphur-yellow; Falls, rich plum, bordered cream. One of the choicest. 75 cents each.

Rhein Nixe. Choice New German Iris. One of the largest and finest. Standards, pure white; Falls, deep violet-blue, with a white edge. 75c each.

Walhalla. Magnificent New German Iris. One of the finest of the new varieties. Standards, lavender; Falls, wine-crimson. Large, finely formed flower. 50 cents each.

New Iris Seedling

Blue Jay. (Farr.) Standards, bright, clear blue; Falls, intense, dark blue. 50 cents each.

Nashua, N. H.

Gentlemen:—Dahlia King is right. Please find enclosed \$2.00, also list of dahlias wanted. I got some two years ago and they were entirely satisfactory. My house burned last year and ruined a large part of them. Norma never came forward; would be much delighted to get one. Met young Alexander at Rockingham Fair, 1913.

WILLIS M. HUTCHINSON.



Iris Germanica, Pallida Dalmatica.



Lady Francis.

Variegata Section

The Standards in this section are of various shades of yellow.

Bergiana. Standards and inner petals pure gold; Falls, maroon with rich golden tracing. Medium height. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Darius. One of the most distinct and beautiful. Standards, pure, clear yellow, inner petals rich canary yellow. Falls, light violet edged with straw color, charmingly veined. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Hector. Standards, soft clouded yellow; Falls, rich purple color with velvety reflex. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Honorabilis. The most popular of all Iris. Similar to San Souci. Standards, beautiful golden yellow; Falls, rich mahogany-brown. Very effective. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Iris King. Standards, clear lemon yellow; Falls, rich maroon, bordered yellow. 75 cents each.

Margolin. Standards, light clear yellow; Falls, yellow, interlaced with magenta. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Mexicaine. (New.) Standards, very clear yellow; Falls, maroon reticulated white. 75 cents each.

Monhassan. Exquisite. Standards, golden yellow; Falls, white and yellow, effectively veined and mottled brown. A perfect beauty of special merit. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

San Souci, Syn. Rebecca. Fine for massing and for border effect. Standards, canary, base reticulated dove color. Falls, yellow, charmingly veined and interlaced with brown, fading to light maroon. Very popular. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Iris Germanica Pallida Section

The Pallida varieties are tall, strong growers, with exceedingly wide foliage, and highly ornamental. The flowers are the largest of any of the Germanica, and are very fragrant, as fragrant as orange blossoms. The most handsome shades of blue, lavender and purple.

Astarte. Standards, rosy lilac; Falls, claret-red. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

Elizabeth. Standards, pale lavender, darker in center; Falls, mauve, melting into pale blue. A very large, attractive flower. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Glori d'Hillegon. One of the finest to date. Standards and Falls, pure porcelain-blue, exquisite. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Herant. Standard, beautiful lavender-blue; Falls, blue. Very large and tall. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Her Majesty. (New.) Very attractive on account of its rich and unusual color. Standards, heliotrope of tissue-like delicacy, inner petals straw and lavender. Falls, light mauve traced with white. A very fine, rich flower. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Khediye. A beautiful soft lavender, with distinct orange beard. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Kochi. Standards and Falls effective rich purple. This is one of the choicest. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Lady Francis, Syn. Celeste. This is one of the purest and sweetest of flowers. Standards, pale blue of ultra-marine cast; Falls, delicate violet edged lighter; golden beard. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

Leonidas. Standards, clear mauve; Falls, rosy mauve. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

Madame Pacquette. Standards, very delicate light purple, inner petals lavender daintily striped heliotrope; Falls are of great beauty; these are of deep purple, with threads of violet. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Pallida Dalmatica, Syn. Princess Beatrice. Standards, lavender; Falls, clear deep lavender. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

Pallida speciosa, Syn. Turkey Flag. Standards, dark lavender, shaded lighter; Falls, shaded light purple. 25 cents each.

Purpurea, Syn. Atropurpurea. Very showy and imposing. Standards and Falls, purple. One of the best. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Queen of May. The remarkable coloring of this variety assures it a supreme place in the Iris family. Standards, exquisite lilac-pink or rose-lilac; Falls, lilac daintily blending to white; general effect, almost pink; a color rare among Irises. Very fragrant; large and effective. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Trautleib. (New.) Standards, and Falls, a most pleasing shade of rosy lilac. 75 cents each.

Iris Germanica —Amoena Section

In this section the Standards are white. The Falls of various colors are described.

Compte de St. Clair. Deep violet, with white margin. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Eugene Sue. A very choice variety. Standards, white, inner petals white. Falls, violet edged white, charmingly veined. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Mrs. H. S. Darwin. (New.) Pure white; Falls, slightly reticulated violet at base. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Iris Germanica Neglecta Section

The Standards in this section range from lavender to purple.

Brooklyn, Syn. Chalcedonia, Johan d'Worth. A very reliable standard variety of medium height. Standards, light mauve; Falls, purple, heavily veined. A prolific bloomer. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Cottage Maid. Standards, silvery blue; Falls, white, boldly tipped and reticulated violet. 25c each.

Du Bois Du Milan. Standards, lavender; Falls, rich crimson-purple, reticulated white. 25 cents each.

Ignatia. Standards and Falls, mauve. 15 cents each.

Miss Maggie. Standards, silvery lavender; Falls, suffused soft rose. 20 cents each.

Sanbuciana Beethoven, Syn. Miss Brough. Flowers of exquisite beauty. Standards, lilac, finely reticulated; inner petals light yellow; Falls, rosy purple with orange crest. Very striking. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Iris Germanica Plicata Section Syn. Aphylla

The flowers all have a beautifully colored, frill-like margin on a white ground.

Bridesmaid. Standards, white, shaded silvery lilac; Falls, reticulated at the base, and slightly frilled, soft lilac. Very handsome. 25 cents each.

Fairy. Properly named. A sweet, dainty flower. Standards, pure white, delicately bordered and suffused soft blue, inner petals white and lavender; Falls, white, charmingly veined. Very fragrant. 35 cents each. \$3.50 per dozen.



Iris Germanica in Border.

Madame Chereau. The pride of the German Iris; a tall, stately, queenly flower. A majestic specimen of entrancing beauty. Standards white, edged and fringed mauve, interspersed with lilac, inner petals white; Falls, white edged the same as the standards. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Iris Germanica—Squalens Section

The Standards are of clouded shades of copper, bronze and fawn.



Iris Germanica in Distinctive Ornamentation.

Jacequesiana, Syn. Caroline de Sansel and Conscience. Standards, bright coppery crimson; Falls, rich maroon. 75c each.

Lord Grey. Clouded rose-fawn. Very novel. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Marmora. Standards, sulphur and fawn; Falls, crimson-purple, margined lavender. 20c each.

Panchurea. Standards, a light smoky shade; Falls, dull violet-red. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Queen of the Gypsies. Perfectly marvelous blending of colors. Standards, smoky or dusky light bronze; falls, purplish-red. An entirely new color; one of the finest to date. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Shakespeare. Standards, bronze yellow; Falls, maroon, reticulated yellow. One of the choicest. 35c each, \$3.50 per dozen.

Tall Bearded Irises

Various Species

Elegans, Syn. **Vidonne** and **La Martine**. A very winsome flower. Standard, nearly white, dashed and splashed with violet. These markings are striking, and unusual. Inner petals light lavender. Falls, violet veined with white. 75 cents each.

Flavescens. Standards and Falls, a delicate shade of soft yellow. Very fragrant, fine for massing. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Florentina Alba, Syn. **Silver King**. The finest white variety. Standards and Falls, porcelain, changing to pure white. Large and very fragrant. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Florentina, **Queen Emma**, Syn. **Alba odorata**. Pure white, faintly flushed blue; long tapering Standards and very long Falls. Possesses a pleasing fragrance. 25 cents each.

Nymph. A champion variety that possesses a most charming individuality. Standards, pale lavender, shaded darker, inner petals light lilac and yellow; Falls, purple, reticulated white. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Siberian, Alpine Hybrid, Crimean and Other Varieties

Assorted Crimean Hybrids. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Gracillis. (Alpine Hybrid.) Standards and Falls, silvery grey, marked with purple and sulphur. Very fragrant. 20 cents each, \$2 per doz.

Longipetella. Standards and Falls, soft porcelain blue. Fine foliage. Very free flowering. One of the best, choicest, and most beautiful. Rare. 50 cents each.

Orientalis Gigantea. Ivory white. 25 cents, \$2.50 per dozen.

Standard. (Crimean.) Standards, violet; Falls, deep plum purple. 25 cents each.

Siberica. (Siberian Blue.) Rich blue flowers of exquisite beauty. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Siberica Acuta. Blue interlaced with white. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per doz.

Siberica Alba. (Siberian White.) A beautiful white flower. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Siberica Aurea. (Siberian Yellow.) An exquisite yellow variety. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.



Collection of 6 Winsome German Irises Prepaid for \$1.00

- No. 1. **FLAVESCENS**, soft yellow.
" 2. **HONORABILIS**, yellow and brown.
" 3. **LADY FRANCIS**, pale blue.
" 4. **FLORENTINA ALBA**, white.
" 5. **MME. CHEREAU**, lavender and white.
" 6. **QUEEN OF THE GYPSIES**, smoky shade.

Mr. J. K. Alexander.

Dear Sir:—Please send me your 1916 Dahlia Catalog. I bought a \$3.00 collection of Show Dahlias from you last year and they were all "beauties."

Respectfully,

MRS. ELMO MORICLE.

Reidsville, N. C., February 14, 1916.



Hedge of Berberis Thunbergii.

Hedge Plants

The hedge is a valuable adjunct in embellishing the home grounds. It lends an air of individuality and refinement. Below we list the most popular varieties in present use.

BERBERIS THUNBERGII

Where a low, dwarf, deciduous hedge is wanted, nothing equals this beautiful Berberry. It is of spreading habit, growing extremely thick right from the base, and requires but little pruning to keep it in shape. The leaves are small, light green, and towards fall assume rich, brilliant colors, the fruit or berries becoming scarlet; absolutely hardy in all parts of the country. Extra strong 3-year-old plants, 18 to 24 inches high, \$2.00 per dozen; \$15.00 per 100; \$120.00 per 1,000.

CALIFORNIA PRIVET

Of all ornamental hedge plants this is the most popular, and more of it is planted than all others combined. Its foliage is a rich, dark green, and is nearly evergreen, remaining on the plant until mid-winter. It is of free growth, and succeeds under the most adverse conditions, such as under dense shade of trees, where other plants would not exist.

To form a dense hedge from the base up the plants should be severely pruned the first two seasons. Plant the one-year-old size 8 inches apart in the row, the larger sizes 10 to 12 inches apart. Strong, 1 year, 18 to 24 inches, \$1.50 per dozen; \$10.00 per 100; strong, bushy, 2 year, 24 to 30 inches, \$3.50 per dozen; \$20.00 per 100.

All Hedge Plants shipped by Express; collect.

SPIRAEA

Anthony Waterer. A rapid grower, with upright spreading branches, and dark green foliage; ideal for hedges. Brilliant rosy carmine flowers in dense clusters, blooming all through the late part of the summer. 18 to 24 inches high, \$3.00 per dozen; \$25.00 per 100.

Opulifolia Aurea. (Golden Spirea.) One of the best of our golden-leaved shrubs. White flowers in clusters, produced in May. Foliage golden-yellow all summer. 18 to 24 inches high. \$5.00 per dozen; \$35.00 per 100.

Van Houttei. By many this is regarded as the finest of all Spireas, and it is assuredly one of the most esteemed shrubs in cultivation. It forms an erect bush with graceful arch-like branches, well covered with neat, rich green foliage, and in early summer a profusion of large, pure white flower clusters, very hardy and a most effective shrub. One of the best for hedges. Strong, 1 year, 12 to 18 inches, \$2.00 per dozen; \$18.00 per 100. Extra strong, 2 year, 18 to 24 inches, \$2.50 per dozen; \$20.00 per 100.

SYRINGA or LILAC

Syringa Vulgaris. (Common Lilac.) One of the oldest shrubs, but still ranks among the choicest. Purple, fragrant flowers, large clusters. Flowering in May. Very ornamental, may be trimmed to 4 or 5 feet, or allowed to grow 8 to 12 feet in height. \$2.50 per dozen; \$20.00 per 100.



California Privet is the Most Popular Hedge.

Ornamental and Flowering Shrubs

Shipped by Express; Collect.

BERBERIS - Barberry

Berberis Thunbergii. (Japanese Barberry.) One of the most beautiful shrubs either for hedging or general purposes. It is of a neat, compact growth and never need be touched with the shears. The foliage is beautiful at all times, and in the fall turns to a most brilliant crimson color. The plant is literally covered with bright scarlet berries all the fall and winter. It seldom grows over 4 feet high. It is fine for the edge of a terrace and along roads and and walks. Specimen plants.

Age	Height	Each	Doz.
1-year, 10 to 15 inches.....		\$0.25	\$2.00
2-year, 15 to 20 inches.....		.35	2.50
3-year, 18 to 24 inches.....		.50	5.00
5-year specimens		1.00	

Berberis Vulgaris Purpurea. (Purple-leaved Barberry.) Especially remarkable for its dense, upright growth and its brilliant purple foliage and fruit. When full grown plants attain a height of 4 to 5 feet, but can be kept at any height below this by shearing. It is very valuable as a border for walks and drives. Splendid for a hedge, also good as single specimens on the lawn. Endures partial shade, and is perfectly hardy.

18 to 24 inches, 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.
Specimen bushes, 2 to 3 feet, 75 cents each.

DEUTZIA

We are indebted to Japan for this valuable genus of plants. Their hardihood, fine habit, luxuriant foliage and profusion of attractive flowers places them among the most beautiful and most



Deutzia Gracilis.

popular of flowering shrubs at the present time. Flowers in June and through July and August.

Crenata rosea plena (Double-flowering Deutzia.) Double white, tinged with pink; very desirable tall Shrub.

Height	Each	Doz.
18 to 24 inches.....	\$0.35	\$3.50
24 to 36 inches.....	.50	5.00
36 to 48 inches.....	.75	7.50
48-inch specimen bushes.....	1.00	

Gracilis. A low growing shrub with slender, graceful branches of pure white flowers, free flowering and very sweetly scented. 10 to 12 inches, bushy, 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen; 18 inches, bushy, 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Pride of Rochester. A variety of Deutzia Crenata Flora Plena, and producing large, double white flowers; back of the petals slightly tinted with rose. It excels all the older sorts in size of flower, length of panicle, profuseness of bloom and vigorous habit; blooms nearly a week earlier.

Height	Each	Doz.
12 to 24 inches.....	\$0.35	\$3.50
24 to 36 inches.....	.50	5.00
36 to 48 inches.....	.75	7.50
48-inch specimen bushes ...	1.00	

FORSYTHIA - Golden Bell

A very choice Shrub; native of China and Japan. The flowers are drooping, golden yellow, and appear very early in the Spring before the leaves. The best of our early flowering shrubs. Admired by thousands.

Forsythia Fortuneii. A very satisfactory variety. Growth upright, foliage deep green. Flowers rich golden yellow.

Height	Each	Doz.
1 to 2 feet.....	\$0.35	\$3.50
2 to 3 feet.....	.50	5.00
3 to 4 feet.....	.75	7.50
4-foot specimens	1.00	



Forsythia Fortunei.



Hydrangea Arborescens.

HYDRANGEA - The Hydrangeas

Hydrangea Arborescens Grandiflora (Snowball Hydrangea.) This magnificent, perfectly hardy American Shrub has snow-white blossoms of largest size. One of its most valuable characteristics is its coming into bloom just after the passing of all the early spring Shrubs, while its long flowering season, from early June until late August, makes it a valuable acquisition in any garden. Strong plants, 50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen; specimen plants, \$1.00 each.

Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora. Without doubt the best known and most popular autumn-flowering Shrub in cultivation at the present time. The flowers, which are borne in dense, pyramidal panicles a foot long in the greatest profusion, are white when they first open, but gradually change to rose color, and remain in good condition for weeks. Fine bush plants, 50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen; extra fine bush plants, \$1.00 each.

PHILADELPHUS

Syringa or Mock Orange.

Philadelphus Coronarius. (Mock Orange or Syringa.) This variety is known as the "Garland Syringa." It is a strong-growing shrub often ten to twelve feet in height, very hardy, and like all the Philadelphus is one of the best shrubs for situations which are partially shaded, although preferring sun. Orange-scented, creamy-white flowers in May and June.

Height	Each	Doz.
1 to 2 feet.....	\$0.35	\$3.50
2 to 3 feet.....	.50	5.00
3 to 4-foot specimens.....	1.00	

PYRUS JAPONICA

(Japan Quince.) A very showy and popular Shrub of medium height, which blooms profusely in early spring; flowers dazzling scarlet. Makes an excellent hedge. 25 cents each.

SNOWBERRY or INDIAN CURRANT

Symphoricarpos Racemosus, Vulgaris. (Red-fruited Snow-berry). A well known dwarf shrub with very small pink flowers, and large red berries that hang on the plant the greater part of the Winter. 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

SPIRAEA

Anthony Waterer. A rapid grower, with upright spreading branches, and dark green foliage; very desirable for lawn decoration. Brilliant rosy carmine flowers, in large round clusters, blooming all through the late part of the summer.

Height	Each	Doz.
1 to 2 feet.....	\$0.35	\$3.50
2 to 3 feet.....	.50	5.00
3-foot specimens	1.00	

Billardi alba. A white-flowered form. 35c each.

Opulifolia Aurea. (Golden Spirea.) One of the best of our golden-leaved Shrubs. White flowers in clusters, produced in May. Foliage golden-yellow all summer.

Height	Each	Doz.
1 to 2 feet.....	\$0.35	\$3.50
2 to 3 feet.....	.50	5.00
4-foot specimens	1.00	

Van Houttei. (Bridal Wreath.) By many this is regarded as the finest of all spiraeas, and it is assuredly one of the most esteemed Shrubs in cultivation. It forms an erect bush with graceful arching branches, well covered with neat, rich green foliage, and in early summer a profusion of large, pure white flower clusters. Very hardy and most effective.

Height	Each	Doz.
1 to 2 feet.....	\$0.35	\$3.50
2 to 3 feet.....	.50	5.00
3-foot specimens	1.00	

SYRINGA or LILAC

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1 to 2 feet.....	\$0.35	\$3.50
2 to 3 feet.....	.50	5.00
3-foot specimens75	

WEIGELA

Rosea (Rose-colored Weigela). An elegant Shrub, with fine rose-colored flowers, introduced from China by Mr. Fortune, and considered one of the finest plants he has discovered; of erect, compact growth; blossoms in June. 50c each.

Hardy Perennials

We are sure that nothing gives our customers greater satisfaction about their grounds than a well-arranged flower garden of Hardy Plants, as with a proper selection of varieties, flowers may be had in bloom from early spring until sever frost, and many of them succeed where less hardy varieties would prove a total failure, and, once planted, they make a permanent bed, and, therefore, less trouble and expense than where tender plants are used, and, while they are of the easiest culture and do better with less care than most other varieties, yet they well repay any extra attention that may be given them. A properly prepared bed to receive them should be deeply forked or spaded with a liberal supply of well-rotted manure, thoroughly worked in. Bone-dust and some commercial fertilizers also produce excellent results, and may be applied several times during the season in small quantities and lightly raked into the soil.

Although not absolutely necessary, a winter covering of long, strong, coarse litter or similar material, will afford such protection as to guard against sudden changes of freezing and thawing, and the plants will be in enough stronger condition to make an early start in the spring to pay for the little trouble incurred. Manure can also be used, but a heavy covering on evergreen varieties would be likely to rot and kill them.

ACHILLEA - "The Pearl"

A summer-blooming variety, worthy of a place in every garden. The flowers are pure white, very double, produced in large sprays on long stems, and are much used by florists for cut-flower work. Perfectly hardy. Particularly desirable for cemetery planting. 18 inches. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per doz., prepaid.

AQUILEGIAS or COLUMBINES

The Columbines are one of the most elegant and beautiful of hardy plants, producing their graceful spurred flowers on stems rising 2 feet or more above the beautifully divided foliage.

Columbines should be planted wherever their presence will serve to lighten up a too stiff and formal planting, for no other plant has so airy a grace as the Columbine, is more generous of its blooms, or more effectively adapted for cut flowers.

They are not at all particular as to soil or location, although they prefer a sandy loam and a moist but well drained, sunny position, and usually make themselves at home in any hardy border or rockery. Their period of flowering covers the late spring and early summer months. Taken as a whole, they are a most important part of the hardy garden, and should be grown in quantity by every lover of old-fashioned garden flowers.

Finest mixed hybrids. All colors assorted. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

BOLTONIA

Asteroides (False Chamomile). This is an excellent decorative flower. The bushy plants grow 5 feet high, covered with small, white flowers of the Aster-type. Very effective for vases. Strong plants, 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen, prepaid.

DELPHINIUM or HARDY LARKSPUR

The list below includes, in addition to the well-known and popular standard sorts, some of the finest hybrids yet introduced, selected from the collections of eminent English and Continental specialists.



Achillea, "The Pearl."

Mrs. Ely, author of "A Woman's Hardy Garden," says:

"Perennial Larkspur may be planted as soon as the spring has opened. The ground should be well-drained and carefully prepared, but manure must not be allowed to come in contact with the roots, or grubs are apt to destroy the plants. A little finely ground bone meal dug around each plant early in May will be of benefit, and in late autumn coal-ashes should be sifted over the crowns of the plants to protect them from the white grub, which is their only enemy. The stalks being very tender the plants should be staked when they are about three feet high, to protect them from heavy wind. Larkspur begins to bloom about June 20th, and by cutting off the plants close to the ground, as soon as each crop of flowers has faded, a second and third crop of flowers will succeed. Each time the plants are cut a little bone meal should be dug about them."

Belladonna. The freest and most continuous blooming of all, never being out of flower from the end of June until cut down by hard frost. The clear turquoise-blue of its flowers is not equalled for delicacy and beauty by any other flower. 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen; \$15.00 per 100.

Choice hybrids, including all the standard colors. I can supply these in mixtures only. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

FUNKIA - Plantain Lily

The plantain Lilies are among the easiest plants to manage; their broad, massive foliage makes them attractive subjects for the border even when not in flower. They succeed equally well in sun or shade. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

HEMEROCALLIS

(Yellow Day Lily.)

Popular hardy plants, belonging to the Lily family. They succeed everywhere, and should always be included in the border of old-fashioned hardy plants.

Aurantiaca. A beautiful large trumpet-shaped Day Lily; with fragrant orange flowers. One of the most satisfactory; 2 to 3 feet high; June and July, 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen, prepaid.

Flava (Yellow Day Lily). The best known variety; very fragrant, deep clear lemon-yellow flowers in June; height, 2 to 3 feet. 25 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Fulva. (Tawny Day Lily.) One of the best known varieties. Grows from 4 to 5 feet high, with trumpet-shaped flowers of a bronzy orange-red color. June to August. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, prepaid.

HARDY LILIES

Lilium Elegans. Scarlet blossoms, in clusters of from three to five. Flowers in July. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per doz.

Tigrinum Splendens (The Common Tiger Lily). So well known that it does not require description. Each, 10c; dozen, \$1.00; 100, \$7.50.

Hardy Garden Heliotrope.

VALERIANA

(Spurred Flower.)

Valeriana Officinalis. The old-fashioned garden Heliotrope, with pinkish or lavender flowers, with Heliotrope fragrance. June and July. 4 feet. Each, 20 cents, dozen, \$2.00, prepaid.

HARDY PINKS

Dianthus, Plumarius (Scotch Pink). 9 inches.



Hemerocallis Flava (Yellow Day Lily.)

June. A favorite plant in old-time gardens. The flowers are double, light pink, and are very fragrant. 20c each, \$1.50 per dozen, prepaid.

D. P. Alba. White, of the same specie. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

Hardy Perennial Phlox

Among hardy herbaceous plants, none are more gorgeous, and more easily grown than the Phlox. They are perfectly hardy, and will grow in any soil, and produce magnificent spikes of the most gorgeous flowers, lasting weeks, and year after year, with but little care. These plants will produce an abundance of flowers, which are very fragrant.

New Phlox for 1917

Alceste. Superb New Phlox. A sensational variety, possessing an entirely new and rare color; deep violet, shading almost to blue. The plant is of strong, sturdy growth; of medium height, and produces remarkably large trusses; individual flower of largest size. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen, prepaid.

Caronad (Ache). Beautiful New Phlox. An exceptionally good variety, having good, perfect trusses, and large individual flowers. Very novel but pleasing in color, a beautiful salmon-rose, with a silvery cast. Plants are dwarf, and sturdy in growth, making perfect clusters. 35 cents each.

Coquelicot. Brilliant New Phlox. The finest and brightest red of all the Phlox; the color is a bright orange-scarlet. The plants are dwarf; exceptionally sturdy; and the individual flowers and trusses are very large. A splendid flower of almost dazzling brilliancy. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen, prepaid.

Elizabeth Campbell. New Pink Phlox. Very bright salmon-pink, with lighter pink shadings, and dark red eye; attracted more attention in our fields than any other variety, one of the handsomest. The best pink Phlox to date. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen, prepaid.

Le Mahdi. Up-to-Date Novelty Phlox. A perfect beauty of special merit. The entirely new and rare color of this variety makes it one of the most desirable. The flower, a rich dark violet-purple; a color rare among Phlox. The plants are very strong and robust; of medium height, and produce large flower trusses; individual flowers exceptionally large. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen, prepaid.

Miss Lingard. New Glossy Foliage Phlox. White, with faint lilac eye. This variety is an early flowering Phlox, and blooms continually throughout the season. Plants tall, sturdy and first-class for bedding. Dark, glossy green foliage. 25 cents each.

The above six "Up-to-Date Phlox for 1917, prepaid, for \$1.50.

Select Standard Phlox

Price, 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$10.00 per 100, except where noted, prepaid.

If wanted in large lots send for 1,000 rates.

Athis. A beautiful shade of salmon. Tall, strong, and early. The finest salmon Phlox.

Bouquet Fleur. White, with crimson eye; medium height.

Bridesmaid. One of the very best Phlox grown. White, with large rose-crimson center. Very showy and desirable. Plants exceptionally sturdy, producing large trusses. Medium height, 20 cents each.

Deliverance. A very tall, pleasing variety. Deep pink, with crimson eye. Individual flowers large. Very fragrant.

Duguesclin. Rosy lilac arrayed with light halo. Tall.

Eclairer. An old favorite. One of the largest and best. Bright rose-carmine, with light halo, a bright and cheerful face. The plants are very strong and sturdy, making a perfect border. 20 cents each.

Fraulein von Lassburg. Extremely large individual flowers, and fine trusses. Pure white, tall.

Independence. Pure white, medium height.

Inspector Elpel. Bright rose, with an intense, deep crimson eye.

Jeanne d'Arc or Snow-Queen. Undoubtedly the very finest pure white variety to date. The plants are extra strong growers, of medium height, producing exceptionally large heads. Ideal for hedging or massing.

La Vague. Silvery-rose, with deeper rose eye. 20 cents each.

Le Soliel. Light rose, shading to white towards the center. Dwarf to medium.

Mary Louise. This is one of the most attractive varieties we are offering. Pure white, with distinct violet-rose eye. 20 cents each.

Mme. P. Langier. Crimson, with deeper eye. 20 cents each.

Ornament. Bright clear rose, with a light halo, darker center.

Pantheon. Flowers very large, pink or salmon-rose; one of the most distinct varieties. Sturdy plants of medium height. 20 cents each.

Pearl or White Beauty. Late-flowering pure white, medium.

Peucheur d'Islande. Soft salmon-scarlet, white center.

Professor Schlieman. Bright lilac-rose, with carmine eye.



Hardy Phlox in My Nurseries.

R. P. Struthers. Very strong grower, with large heads of fiery salmon-red. Very showy. Fine for borders or hedging.

Richard Wallace. One of the most popular varieties to date. Pure white, with violet-rose eye; large flowers in immense panicles.

The above collection of twenty-one distinct named varieties, prepaid, for \$2.50.

Mixed Phlox

We have an extra fine assortment of Mixed Phlox, consisting of the best varieties to date. The mixture contains the following colors: Crimson, scarlet, violet, lavender, pink, white, variegated or striped varieties; and the above-mentioned colors with deeper colored eyes. \$1.00 per dozen, prepaid, \$6.00 per 100.

Peonies

The Peonies are among the noblest and most magnificent of our herbaceous plants. They are the "Queen of Spring Flowers," and are well adapted for massing in beds, and particularly valuable for planting in groups throughout the perennial or shrubbery border, where their brilliant hues add beauty to the entire surroundings. Their requirements are so simple—a good, rich, deep soil; they are perfectly hardy, and produce their wealth of flowers in great abundance. Roots can be shipped from early April until the end of May; and from August until freezing time, in the Fall.

NAMED VARIETIES OF PEONIES

Alexander Dumas. (Guerin 1862.) Medium size, light violet-rose, crown; creamy white collar of narrow petals, mingled with the wide center petals. Fragrant. Medium height, free bloomer, early midseason. Good cut-flower variety. 50 cents each.

Agnes Mary Kelway. (Kelway.) Large crown. Guards and crown light rose, with cream white collar. One of the finest pink and white varieties. Fragrant, tall, vigorous, free-flowering. Early midseason. Very good. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Anna Swanson. Loose pink, showing a goodly number of yellow stamens, whole flower showing a silvery reflex. 50 cents each.

Anemoneflora. (Guerin 1854.) Medium size, anemone. Deep brilliant Tryian rose, carpels dark crimson. Strong, tall, free bloomer. Midseason. 50 cents each.

Baron James de Rothschild. (Guerin 1850.) Medium size crown, guards and very wide crown petals, pale lilac rose, narrow cream white collar petals. Fragrant. Vigorous, medium height, free-flowering. Midseason. 50 cents each.

Baroness Schroeder. (Kelway.) Very large, globular, rose type. Flesh-white fading to milk-white. Fragrance extra good. Tall, strong growth, very free-flowering. Considered one of the finest Peonies grown. Midseason. \$2 each.

Bride. (Terry.) Fragrant, light pink fading to white. 50 cents each.

Compte d' Montalvet. Pink and white, tipped carmine. 50 cents each.

Delachei. (Delache 1856.) Large, medium compact, rose type. Violet crimson, slightly tipped silver. Strong, erect, medium height, very free-flowering. Late midseason, extra fine. 50 cents each.

Duc d' Wellington. (Calot 1859.) Large, bomb type. Very fragrant. White guards and sulphur center. One of the finest white varieties. Medium tall, vigorous grower; free-flowering. Late. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Eclius Superba. (Lemon 1824.) Large, loose, flat crown. Bright mauve-pink; collar mixed with lilac. Very fragrant. Early. Strong, upright; very free-flowering. One of the very best commercial pinks for Decoration Day. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.



Peony Planting.

Felix Crousse. (Crousse 1881.) Large, globular, typical bomb. Brilliant red. Very fragrant. Strong, vigorous grower, medium height, free-flowering. One of the best red varieties. 75 cents each.

Festiva Maxima. (Meille 1851.) Very large, globular, rose type. Pure white center, prominently flecked crimson; outer petals sometimes faint lilac white on first opening. Very tall, strong, vigorous grower. Early. The most popular white variety for cut flowers. 50c each.

Floral Treasure. (Rosenfield 1900.) Very large, showy, rose type. Pale lilac-rose, very fragrant. Strong, tall, upright grower, free-flowering. One of the commercial varieties. Midseason. 50 cents each.

Golden Harvest. (Rosenfield 1900.) Medium size, loose, bomb or informal rose type. Guards pale lilac-rose, center creamy white, developing many wide petals of a peach-blossom pink, on strong plants. Fragrant. Dwarf habit, very free-flowering. Midseason. 50 cents each.

General Custer. (Terry.) Very robust, large variable pink, loose leaved, liberally sprinkled with yellow stamens. 50 cents each.

Grandiflora Rosea. (Guerin 1850.) Full, globular, rose type. Guards light solferino-red, center petals lighter, shaded salmon. Fragrant. Tall, strong grower. Midseason. 50c each.

Humei. (Anderson 1810.) Large, compact, globular, rose type. Cherry-pink, with silver tips. Cinnamon fragrance. Weak stem. Very late. 35 cents each.

La Sublime. (Parmenter.) This is a fine flower of deep crimson. Very striking on account of its rich color. A reliable variety. 75 cents each.

La Tulipe. (Calot 1872.) Very large, flat, semi-rose type. Lilac-white, outer guard petals striped crimson. Fragrant. Tall, strong grower; free-flowering. Late midseason. Good variety. 75 cents each.

La Coquette. (Guerin 1861.) Large, globular, high crown. Guards and crown light pink, collar rose-white, center flecked carmine. Strong, erect, medium height, free-flowering. Very fragrant. Midseason. 50 cents each.

Madame Crousse. (Calot 1866.) Medium size, globular, crown type. Pure white, center delicately flecked with crimson on crown. Strong medium height; free-flowering. Midseason. One of the most handsome of the white varieties. 75 cents each.



Agnes Mary Kelway.

Madam Ducl. (Mechin 1880.) Large, globular, typical bomb. Light mauve-rose, with silver reflex. Fragrant. Strong grower, medium height, very free-flowering. Extra good. \$1.00 each.

Madam Lebon. (Calot 1855.) Very large, compact, globular, rose type. Cherry-pink to aniline-red. Fragrant. Buds very tight, opens slowly; tall, strong grower. Late. 50 cents each.

Madame Chaumy. (Calot 1864.) Medium size, very compact, globular, perfect rose type. Pale lilac-rose, with silvery reflex, central petals slightly darker, flecked crimson. Medium height; free-flowering. Midseason. 50 cents each.

Madame Geissler. (Crousse 1880.) Very large, compact, globular, rose type. Violet-rose, tipped silver. Very fragrant. Midseason. Extra fine. 75 cents each.

Madame Forel. (Crousse 1881.) Large, very compact, rose type. Violet-rose, with a silvery tipped center. Fragrant. Medium height. Late. \$1.00 each.

Marie Lemoine. (Calot 1864.) Large, very compact, globular crown. Guards light violet-rose, collar milk white, crown lilac-white. Very fragrant. Strong, erect, tall, free-flowering. Midseason. Extra fine. \$1.00 each.

Madame De Verneville. (Crousse 1885.) Large, very full, bomb. Pure white, center blush when first open, fading to pure white; prominent carmine flecks. Fragrant. Medium height, extra free-flowering. Early. Extra good. 75 cents each.

Monsieur Barral. (Calot 1866.) Very large, compact, flat rose-type. Uniform pale lilac-rose. Very fragrant. Erect, tall, strong grower and free-flowering. Late. 75 cents each.

Monsieur Jules Elie. (Crousse 1888.) Very large, compact high crown. Pale lilac-rose, collar lighter, shaded amber yellow at the base. Very fragrant. Medium height, strong grower. Extra fine. \$2.00 each.

Ne Plus Ultra. (Meilleux 1856.) Medium size, flat, loose, semi-double. Uniform pure mauve, tipped silver. Fragrant. Medium height. Early midseason. 50 cents each.

Plutach. A glorious orb of radiant glistening crimson. 50 cents each.

Queen Victoria. (Kelway.) Large, globular, medium loose, low crown. Milk white guards, tinted flesh, center cream white with crimson spots; very fragrant. Medium height. Strong, free-flowering. Midseason. One of the best. 75 cents each.

Umbellata Rosea. (Unknown.) Large, informal, rose type. Guards violet-rose, shading to an amber white center. Very strong, upright grower, free-flowering. One of the earliest varieties. Extra fine for both landscape and cut flower purposes. 75 cents each.

Sir Thomas J. Lipton. (Kelway.) Free flowering, large flower, with golden stamens in the center of rosy petals. \$1.00 each.

Ville de Nancy. (Calot 1872.) Large, medium compact. Carmine-rose, with silvery reflex. Tall, very strong, stiff stem, free-flowering. Late. Extra good. \$1.00 each.



Marie Lemoine.

SINGLE PEONIES

Single Peonies are becoming more and more popular, many people considering them more artistic and beautiful than the double ones. They are very free flowering, and as cut-flowers they are very effective. Especially valuable for landscape effects. I have an extra fine assortment. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

Rose-pink Single. 50c each.

Purple-crimson Single. 50c each.

White Single. 75c each.

Large Crimson Single. 75c each.

Deep Pink Single. Large. 75c each.

One of each for \$2.00.

PAEONIA OFFICINALIS

This type is the real old-fashioned "Peony," and commences to bloom from ten days to two weeks ahead of the other varieties. All are strong growers, with large, full, double flowers. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen, prepaid.

Alba. Pure white; very popular; remarkably fragrant.

Pink and White. Guard petals, clear pink; center, waxy white. Very fragrant.

Rosea. Beautiful clear rose-pink. One of finest.

Rubra. Brilliant, glowing purple-crimson.

Hardy Roses

50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Shipped by express at purchaser's expense.

Crimson Rambler. The best known and most popular of all the climbing Roses. A rapid grower; flowers are borne in clusters of 15 to 25 perfectly shaped blossoms of a rich glowing crimson; when in full bloom the vine appears to be a perfect mat of rich red flowers; perfectly hardy everywhere.

Dorothy Perkins. This is one of the Rambler types; has the same strong habit of growth as the Crimson; flowers are borne in large clusters and are a beautiful shell pink.

PHYSOSTEGIA

Physostegia Virginiana (Ladies' Pink). 2 to 3 feet. An elegant plant with dark, glossy green foliage and long spikes of soft rose flowers; excellent for cutting. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen, prepaid.

RUDBECKIA

(Cone-flower.)

Indispensable plants for the hardy border; grow and thrive anywhere, giving a wealth of bloom, which are well suited for cutting.

"Golden Glow." A well-known popular plant, a strong, robust grower, attaining a height of 5 to 6 feet, and produces masses of double golden-yellow flowers from July to September. 15 cents each.

SPIRAEA

Hardy plants of great merit and easily grown in the herbaceous border. Any light soil is suitable. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Queen Alexandra. New, glorious pink. It grows about 2½ feet tall and bears bold, striking blooms of deep pink or rose colored; flowers of a very superior character.

Washington. New; a splendid variety; pure white, tall.

TRADESCANTIA

(Spider Lily.)

Tradescantia Virginica. 2 feet. An all-around plant for wet or dry, sunny or shady situations, continuing in bloom from early summer until frost. Clear blue, three-petaled flowers in clusters on long stems and long, pointed foliage. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, prepaid.

Var. Alba. White flowers. A pretty contrast when planted with the purple variety. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen, prepaid.

YUCCA - Adam's Needle

Yucca Filamentosa. (Adam's Needle or Spanish Bayonet.) A stately foliage and flowering plant equally imposing in solitary or group plantings, always conspicuous. The broad, sword-like foliage is evergreen, while in mid-summer it



Spirea, Washington.

shows great erect, branching stems, bearing a showy display of pendant, creamy white bells. Very fragrant. Flowering season, July and August. 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen; large clumps, 50 cents each, prepaid.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 30, 1916.

J. K. Alexander.

Dear Sir:—Bulbs arrived O. K. and I am well pleased with them. I have some good soil, and will take good care of them, and in the fall report to you what luck I have had. Thanking you very much for your good attention I am yours truly,
MRS. LEONARD BARTMAN.

Flower Seeds

Ageratum, Mexicanum	\$0.05	Marigold, African mixed	\$0.05
Aster, dwarf German mixed .....	.05	" French dwarf .....	.05
" Finest mixed, tall .....	.05	Mignonette, Large flowering .....	.05
" White branching .....	.10	Morning Glory, Royal Japs .....	.05
" Branching Comet .....	.10	" Mixed colors .....	.05
" New branching .....	.10	Nasturtium, Tall, mixed colors .....	.05
Bachelor's Button .....	.05	" Dwarf mixed .....	.05
Balsam, Double Camellia-flowered.....	.10	Nicotiana, Affinis .....	.10
Brachycome, (Swan River Daisy).....	.05	Pansies, Fancy mixed .....	.20
Calendula, Mixed colors .....	.10	" Choice mixed .....	.10
California Poppy .....	.05	" Assorted .....	.05
Calliopsis, Mixed .....	.05	Phlox, Star of Quedlinburg .....	.10
Candytuft, White .....	.05	Petunia, Large-flowered fancy.....	.20
" Mixed .....	.05	" Veined and mottled .....	.10
Carnation, Choice mixed .....	.20	Pinks, Choice mixed .....	.10
" Marguerite .....	.10	Portulaca, Extra double mixed .....	.10
Castor Oil Bean .....	.05	Salvia, Splendens .....	.10
Chrysanthemum, Annual varieties, mixed....	.05	Salpiglossis, Large-flowering mixed .....	.10
Cosmos, Mixed colors .....	.10	Stocks, Ten Week .....	.10
Daisy, Double mixed.....	.10	Sweet Pea, Choice mixed .....	.05
Evening Glory .....	.10	" " Spencer .....	.10
Everlastings, Mixed varieties .....	.10	Verbena, Choice mixed .....	.10
Gaillardia, Double mixed .....	.10	Zinnia .....	.05
Hollyhock, Finest double .....	.10		



Small Fruits

Grape Vines

We will ship all Grape Vines prepaid, at prices quoted. Our Grape Vines are strong three-year-old vines of the finest quality.

NEW GRAPES

Campbell's Early. Black. Cluster large and shouldered, moderately compact; very early and productive. This is claimed to be the finest Grape that has been produced in a long time. It makes a strong growth, with abundant thin, healthy foliage. Quality about the same as Concord. \$1.00 each.

STANDARD VARIETIES OF GRAPES

Concord. Black. Early; decidedly the most popular Grape in America, and deservedly so. Bunch large, shouldered, compact; berries large, covered with a rich bloom; skin tender, but sufficiently firm to carry well. Succeeds everywhere. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Delaware. Red. Compact bunch, very delicious; always bringing the highest price in market and always considered the best for home use. Berries small; skin thin, but firm. Ripens with Concord, or a little before. It should be in every garden. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Moore's Early. Black. Bunch, rarely shouldered, not quite so large as Concord; berries larger and very much like it in flavor and quality. Ripens so early as to be nearly out of the market before Concord starts in, therefore a very popular early market variety. Succeeds best on rich soil. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Niagara. White. Bunch very large and handsome, often shouldered, compact; berries large, round; skin thin, tough, does not crack, and carries well; has not much pulp when fully ripe; melting, sweet, with a flavor and aroma peculiarly its own, and agreeable to most tastes; ripens with Concord. Succeeds everywhere and is a favorite with every grower and buyer. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Pocklington. Pale green. Usually with a tinge of golden yellow where exposed to the sun; bunch large, compact; berries large, covered with a beautiful white bloom; flesh juicy, sweet, with considerable pulp. Foliage large and healthy. A seedling of the Concord, ripening soon after. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Salem. (Rogers' No. 53.) Red. One of the best and most popular of the Rogers; ripens with the Concord. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Worden. Black. Bunch large, sometimes shouldered, compact; berries very large; skin thin. Superior to the Concord in the following points: Better quality, larger berries, more compact, and ripens five to ten days earlier. Fully equals Concord in vigor, health and productiveness. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Currants

All Small Fruit Shipped by Express, Collect.

Fay's Prolific. This is the finest Red Currant known; a Currant that has been widely planted, and gives general satisfaction. Fruit in color, a beautiful bright red; very large, and of excellent flavor. Best in quality and productiveness. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Wilder (President Wilder). Bush upright, vigorous; clusters above medium length; berries large to very large, averaging large; bright red; excellent, with a mild sub-acid flavor. Ripens early and remains bright and firm until very late. Because of its exceedingly vigorous growth, great productiveness, high quality and remaining good so long after ripening, we recommend this as one of the best red currants, both for table and market. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

Rhubarb

Rhubarb (or Pie Plant). For family or market. Plant 12 to 18 inches apart in rows.

Colossal. Early, tender and very large. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Extra large plants for forcing in greenhouses. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen, prepaid.

Bath, Maine, March 9, 1916.

J. K. Alexander.

Dear Sir:—I had fine luck with the Dahlia bulbs I bought of you last Spring, 1915. They proved first-class in every respect. They were loaded with flowers all Summer long until the heavy frost took them in the Fall, and were very much admired by all who saw them. I expect to send another order this Spring.

Respectfully,
MRS. JENNIE E. LOUNSBURY.

Fruit Trees

(All Fruits shipped by express, at purchaser's expense.)

Apples

Standard trees, 5 to 7 ft., 50 cents each, \$5 per doz.
Alexander. Fall apple. A Russian apple of very large size, with beautifully striped or stained red skin and white, crisp flesh, tender, juicy and sub-acid. Tree is large and vigorous, bearing heavy crops. Ripening September and October.

Baldwin. Vigorous growth; large, bright red; crisp, juicy, sub-acid. The most popular and profitable market variety. Ripening December to March.

Early Harvest. Very early, fruit medium size, pale yellow, tender, juicy, sub-acid. Ripening August. Tree is vigorous grower.

Fameuse or Snow. Vigorous growth, medium size, deep crimson; tender, sub-acid, melting, delicious; very good; hardy. One of the best dessert apples. Ripening November to January.

Duchess of Oldenburg. Vigorous growth; Russian, large; striped, tender, juicy, sub-acid; regular and abundant bearer. One of the hardiest varieties grown. Ripening September.

Maiden's Blush. Free growth; large, pale lemon with crimson cheeks; flesh white, tender and crisp, sub-acid. Tree vigorous and good bearer. Ripening September and October.

McIntosh Red. Color is bright, deep red; flesh white with pinkish tinge; juicy, with slight acid flavor. Hardy. Ripening November to February.

Northwestern Greening. Fall apple. Round; very large; greenish yellow, extremely hardy, vigorous; bears very young. Ripening September.

Red Astrachan. Large, roundish; yellow with dark red patches; flesh decidedly acid and juicy; highly esteemed on account of its fine appearance, earliness and hardiness. Ripening July and August.

Rhode Island Greening. Vigorous growth; large, green, fine grained; rich, subacid; very good. Ripening December to April.

Rome Beauty. Moderate growth, large, round; mottled and striped in different shades of red; flavor and quality way above the average; appearance and size are its valuable points; tender, juicy, sprightly, sub-acid. Ripening December to May.

Sutton Beauty. Free growth, medium to large; yellow and crimson; tender, juicy, sub-acid; very good and long keeper. Ripening November to April.

Spitzenburg (Esopus). Large, round, dark red with gray dots; firm, rich, crisp, juicy, spicy and delicious. Ripening December to April.

Stark (Pride of Maine). An early and abundant bearer, fruit large and valued for its long keeping, skin greenish yellow, shaded and striped red, thinly covered with light brown dots; flesh yellow, moderately juicy, mild. Ripening January to May.

Stayman's Winesap. A dark, rich, red apple with indistinct stripes; flesh yellow, not in the least mealy, plenty of juice, firm. November to April ripening.

Tolman's Sweet. Free growth; medium; bright yellow with a few dots; flesh white; firm, rich, sweet. Ripening November to April.

Wagener. Vigorous growth, medium to large; yellow and crimson, fine texture, high flavor, and excellent quality; juicy and sub-acid. Ripening December to March.

Wealthy. Fall apple. Tree growth, medium size; dark red, flesh white or a little stained; tender, crisp, juicy, fine grained, aromatic, and very good. Ripening December to February.

Yellow Transparent. Free growth, medium, roundish, oblate, slightly conical; pale yellow; tender, juicy, sprightly sub-acid, fine flavor, good. Ripening August.

CRAB APPLES

Standard trees, 5 to 7 feet, 75 cents each, \$7.50 per dozen.

Hyslop. Large size; dark crimson, with bloom; very showy, and to my knowledge the best of this class.

Pears

Standard Pears, 5 to 7 feet, 75 cents each, \$7.50 per dozen.

Bartlett. Yellow with red cheek; productive and of luscious flavor.

Beurre Bosc. Large; cinnamon russet; rich and delicious; one of the best.

Beurre D'Anjou. Large, greenish russet; flesh melting; splendid flavor.

Clapp's Favorite. A popular variety; large, yellow and red; sweet and melting.

Seckel. Small; yellowish brown; decidedly spicy flavor.

Cherries

Standard trees, 2 to 3 years, 75 cents each, \$7.50 per dozen.

Black Tartarian. Sweet; vigorous growth; very large; purplish black; one of the best. Ripening end of June.

Montmorency. Sour. Beautiful, large, red, acid cherry; very hardy; productive.

Napoleon. Sweet. Vigorous growth; very large; pale yellow with red cheek; firm, juicy and sweet; very good. Ripening first of July.

Early Richmond. Sour. Medium size; dark red; juicy, rich acid flavor. The stone adheres to the stem. One of the most valuable sour cherries.

Quince

Standard Quince, 3 to 4 feet, \$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.

Orange. Fruit large; roundish; bright golden yellow, very productive.

Wooden Plant Labels

For any kind of plants, these are plain labels to be used either in pots or out of doors, with one end pointed. I am also offering Dahlia labels, which are suitable for labeling all kinds of Dahlias. **Plant Labels**—4 inch, plain, 20 cents per 100, prepaid; \$1.00 per 1,000, express collect; 5 inch, plain, 25 cents per 100, prepaid; \$1.20 per 1,000, express collect; 6 inch, plain, 30 cents per 100, prepaid; \$1.30 per 1,000, express collect.

Dahlia Labels; Painted, with Wires—3½ in., iron wire, 30 cents per 100, prepaid; \$1.35 per 1,000, express collect; 3½ in., copper wire, 35 cents per 100, prepaid; \$1.75 per 1,000, express collect.

Dahlia Labels, Plain with Wires—3½ in., iron wire, 25 cents per 100, prepaid; \$1.25 per 1,000, express collect. 3½ in., copper wire, 30 cents per 100, prepaid; \$1.35 per 1,000, express collect.

Vermine

For Greenhouses, Gardens, Lawns, Tennis Court and Golf Links. Destroys White Grubs, Cut, Eel, and Wire Worms, Slugs, Maggots, Root Lice, and Ants. Directions for application on each package. Applied in watering can or with sprayer.

Size	Price	Prepaid
1 Quart	\$1.00	\$1.15
Pint65	.75
Half-Pint40	.50
Quarter-Pint25	.35

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J. K. Alexander, "The Dahlia King"
East Bridgewater, Mass.

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Please tear out on this line.

Would appreciate the names and addresses of your friends who grow Dahlias.